

1 S.118

2 Introduced by Senator Champion

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; secondary education; postsecondary education; remedial
6 education

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Vermont State Colleges and the University of Vermont to report on students
9 identified for remedial education and to require the Agency of Education,
10 in collaboration with these institutions, to create a plan for lowering
11 postsecondary remediation rates among Vermont's high school graduates.

12 An act relating to remedial education for postsecondary students

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. REMEDIAL EDUCATION; REPORT

15 (a) On or before July 1, 2015, the Chancellor of the Vermont State
16 Colleges and the President of the University of Vermont shall each submit a
17 written report to the Senate and House Committees on Education and to the
18 Secretary of Education regarding matriculated students in need of remedial
19 education and supports, including students enrolled in the Community College
20 of Vermont.

1 (b) The report shall pertain to both recent high school graduates and
2 nontraditional or adult students who were enrolled for at least one semester
3 between fall 2005 and spring 2015, and shall include for each year:

4 (1) the number and percentage of students assessed as needing
5 remediation in English, mathematics, or other areas;

6 (2) a description of the methods used for determining which students are
7 placed in remediation;

8 (3) the number and percentage of students placed in each remedial
9 course;

10 (4) the number and percentage of students placed in remediation who
11 complete their remedial courses and who do and do not:

12 (A) complete one or more college-level courses; and

13 (B) subsequently earn a degree;

14 (5) the number and percentage of students placed in remediation who do
15 not complete their remedial courses and who do and do not:

16 (A) complete one or more college-level courses; and

17 (B) subsequently earn a degree; and

18 (6) an estimate of the financial costs of remedial education and supports
19 to students and to the institution.

20 (c) The report shall disaggregate the submitted information by state of
21 student high school graduation, and, to the extent permitted under 20 U.S.C.

1 § 1232g (family educational and privacy rights), by student age, gender, and
2 race or ethnicity, and by the socioeconomic status of the student or student's
3 family.

4 Sec. 2. POSTSECONDARY PREPAREDNESS; REPORT

5 (a) The Secretary of Education, the Chancellor of the Vermont State
6 Colleges, and the President of the University of Vermont shall collaborate to
7 create a plan for lowering remediation rates among students who graduate from
8 Vermont secondary schools, with the goal of preparing and motivating more
9 Vermonters to pursue and complete postsecondary degrees. In developing the
10 plan, the Secretary, Chancellor, and President shall consider ways to:

11 (1) provide students who are not ready for postsecondary level classes
12 and their families with sufficient and timely notice;

13 (2) promote understanding among these students and their families of
14 the college and university assessment and placement process; and

15 (3) motivate and support these students to achieve postsecondary
16 education readiness prior to high school graduation.

17 (b) On or before September 1, 2015, the Secretary of Education, in
18 collaboration with the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges and the
19 President of the University of Vermont, shall submit a written report to the
20 Senate and House Committees on Education containing the plan created

1 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and any recommendations for
2 legislative action.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.