

1 S.181

2 Introduced by Senator Pollina

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; postsecondary education; Vermont State Colleges

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes statutorily to
7 require the State to fund at least one-half of the Vermont State College's
8 annual expenses and require the University of Vermont and State Agricultural
9 College annually to report on administrative expenses.

10 An act relating to the State's financial support of the Vermont State
11 Colleges

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

13 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2171 is amended to read:

14 § 2171. CORPORATION ESTABLISHED; PURPOSES; POWERS

15 (a) There is created as a part of the educational system of the State of
16 Vermont a public corporation to be known as "Vermont State Colleges" or any
17 other name that the Board of Trustees, established under section 2172 of this
18 chapter, selects at a meeting duly warned for that purpose, provided that the
19 word "Vermont" shall appear in the selected name. The Corporation shall
20 plan, supervise, administer, and operate facilities for education at the

1 postsecondary level ~~supported in whole or in substantial part with State funds;~~
2 ~~however, while.~~ In order to maintain reasonable tuition costs and make
3 postsecondary education accessible to all Vermonters, the State shall fund at
4 least one-half of the Corporation's expenses each year. While the Corporation
5 shall maintain cooperative relations with the University of Vermont and State
6 Agricultural College, nothing in this chapter shall give the Corporation any
7 responsibility for the planning, supervision, administration, or operation of the
8 University.

9 (b) The Corporation shall own the real and personal property of the
10 ~~Castleton State College~~ University, Johnson State College, Lyndon State
11 College, Vermont Technical College, and Community College of Vermont,
12 and of other State-operated institutions of higher education that may be
13 established. It shall protect, preserve, and improve the properties and promote
14 their use as institutions of higher education.

15 * * *

16 Sec. 2. 16A V.S.A. § 1-8 is amended to read:

17 § 1-8. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS; BOARD OF VISITORS

18 (a) ~~The corporation~~ Annually, on or before January 15, the Corporation
19 hereby created shall ~~make annual reports report~~ to the ~~Legislature of this State~~
20 General Assembly, ~~of~~ on its condition, financially and otherwise, and make
21 and distribute the reports required by the act of Congress, herein referred to,

1 and the ~~Legislature may~~ General Assembly annually shall appoint a Board of
2 Visitors, who ~~may~~ annually shall examine the affairs of the ~~corporation~~
3 Corporation.

4 (b) Annually, on or before January 15, the Corporation shall report on the
5 ratio of spending on administrative versus academic expenses in the current
6 fiscal year, and on the percentage of public versus private funding used for
7 administrative compensation in the current fiscal year, to the House and Senate
8 Committees on Government Operations.

9 Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE SPENDING; REPORT

10 On or before February 1, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the University of
11 Vermont and the Vermont Agricultural College shall prepare and report on the
12 ratio of spending on administrative versus academic expenses from FY 2011 to
13 FY 2016 to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations.

14 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.