

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Education to which was referred Senate Bill No. 180
3 entitled “An act relating to increasing General Fund appropriations to the
4 Vermont State Colleges” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the act be amended by adding [new sections] to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 2. CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT PROGRAM FOR SKILLED
8 WORKERS IN LICENSED TRADES

9 (a) The Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges and the President of the
10 University of Vermont, or designees, shall jointly develop a continuing
11 education credit program that establishes a uniform system for awarding
12 education credits to students who are skilled workers in licensed trades. The
13 program shall include the following elements:

14 (1) the identification of the licensed trades that are within the scope of
15 the program, which shall not exceed 15 trades, and the basis for determining
16 which trades should be included [do you want to set forth criteria for this
17 determination?];

18 (2) the qualifications of skilled workers in these trades that are required
19 in order to receive credits [do you want to specify the qualifications, e.g.,
20 licensed workers only?];

1 (3) the number of credits awarded to qualified skilled workers and the
2 basis for determining the number of credits; and

3 (4) the academic programs and degrees to which the credits will apply.

4 (b) The continuing education credit program shall be recognized at each of
5 the Vermont State Colleges and the University of Vermont, the academic
6 credits under the program shall be awarded uniformly based on the same
7 criteria by these institutions, and the credits shall be transferable among these
8 institutions.

9 (c) By December 1, 2016, the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges
10 and the President of the University of Vermont shall jointly deliver a report
11 detailing the proposed continuing education credit program to the House and
12 Senate Committees on Education.

13 Sec. 3. TUITION FOR VERMONT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE
14 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

15 (a) Notwithstanding the requirement of 16 V.S.A. § 2282(b), which states
16 that a Vermont resident who is enrolled in the University of Vermont as a full-
17 time undergraduate student shall not pay tuition in an amount that exceeds 40
18 percent of the tuition charged to a nonresident student, the University may
19 charge tuition in accordance with this section.

20 (b) For the [2017 and 2018 academic years only], the University may lower
21 the tuition for non-resident students such that full-time undergraduate students

1 who are resident in Vermont pay tuition in an amount that exceeds 40 percent
2 of the tuition charged to a nonresident student. In the event this authority is
3 used by the University, tuition for full-time undergraduate students who are
4 resident in Vermont may not subsequently be increased until such time as the
5 tuition charged to these students does not exceed 40 percent of the tuition
6 charged to a nonresident student.

7 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

8 (Committee vote: _____)

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10 Senator _____

11 FOR THE COMMITTEE

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