

1 S.45

2 Introduced by Senators Ingram and Baruth

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; flexible pathways; dual enrollment; parochial schools

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a  
7 student who attends an approved independent school that is a parochial school  
8 to be eligible for dual enrollment courses. It accomplishes this by eliminating  
9 the requirement that a student's district of residence must pay publicly funded  
10 tuition to the approved independent school on behalf of the student. This  
11 change would also permit a student who attends a nonparochial approved  
12 independent school without the use of publicly funded tuition to be eligible for  
13 dual enrollment courses.

14 An act relating to the eligibility of students attending approved independent  
15 schools that are parochial schools to be eligible for dual enrollment courses

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

17 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 944 is amended to read:

18 § 944. DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

19 (a) Program creation. There is created a the statewide Dual Enrollment  
20 Program to be a potential component of a student's flexible pathway. The

1 Program shall include college courses offered on the campus of an accredited  
2 postsecondary institution and college courses offered by an accredited  
3 postsecondary institution on the campus of a secondary school. The Program  
4 may include online college courses or components.

5 (b) Students.

6 (1) A Vermont resident who has completed grade 10 but has not  
7 received a high school diploma is eligible to participate in the Program if:

8 (A) the student:

9 (i) is enrolled in:

10 (I) a Vermont public school, including a Vermont career  
11 technical center;

12 (II) a public school in another state or an approved independent  
13 school that is designated as the public secondary school for the student's  
14 district of residence; or

15 (III) an approved independent school in Vermont ~~to which the~~  
16 ~~student's district of residence pays publicly funded tuition on behalf of the~~  
17 ~~student;~~

18 (ii) is assigned to a public school through the High School  
19 Completion Program; or

20 (iii) is a home study student;

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- 1      Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2      This act shall take effect on passage.