



1           (C) enrolling in a postsecondary or adult career and technical center  
2           course is an element included within the student’s personalized learning plan;  
3           and

4           (D) the secondary school and the career and technical center have  
5           determined that the student is sufficiently prepared to succeed in the selected  
6           postsecondary or adult course and meets the course prerequisites.

7           (2) An eligible student may enroll in one postsecondary or adult career  
8           and technical center course prior to completion of secondary school for which  
9           neither the student nor the student’s parent or guardian shall be required to pay  
10           tuition. A student may enroll in a course offered while secondary school is in  
11           session and during the summer.

12           (c) Postsecondary and adult career technical education. Secondary students  
13           may take courses that fall under the definitions of adult career technical  
14           education or postsecondary career technical education as they are defined in  
15           16 V.S.A. § 1522(11) and (12). The postsecondary or adult course may be  
16           taken at any regional career and technical center, as defined in 16 V.S.A.  
17           § 1522(4).

18           (d) Pilot Project management. The Agency of Education, in consultation  
19           with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), shall manage the  
20           Pilot Project by:

21           (1) marketing the Pilot Project to Vermont students and their families;

1           (2) coordinating with VSAC on the disbursement of funds for tuition  
2           and stipends;

3           (3) evaluating all aspects of the Pilot Project and ensuring overall  
4           quality and accountability; and

5           (4) performing other necessary or related duties.

6           (e) Funding. Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d), in fiscal year 2023, the  
7           sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated from the Education Fund to the Agency of  
8           Education, which may be used over not more than three years, for the purpose  
9           of funding the Pilot Project. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a  
10           first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted. The funds appropriated  
11           in this subdivision shall come out of the \$15,000,000.00 appropriated in Sec.  
12           12, subdivision (b)(1) of this act.

13           (1) The funds appropriated in this section may be used by an eligible  
14           student for tuition for one postsecondary or adult course at a regional career  
15           and technical center.

16           (2) The funds appropriated in this section may also be used to fund a  
17           flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher for financially needy students taking a  
18           course under the Pilot Project. The stipend or voucher shall be used for the  
19           purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The Agency of  
20           Education shall coordinate with the VSAC to establish criteria for stipend  
21           eligibility and for stipend disbursement.

1        (f) Report. The Secretary of Education shall report to the House and  
2        Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Commerce and  
3        Economic Development, and the Senate Committee on Economic  
4        Development, Housing and General Affairs on or before the January 15 of  
5        each year the Pilot Project has funds to use regarding the Secondary  
6        Advancement Grants Pilot Project, including data relating to student  
7        demographics, levels of participation, marketing, and program success. In the  
8        year the Pilot Project has depleted its funds, or the third year of the Pilot  
9        Project, whichever comes first, the report shall include a recommendation for  
10       whether the Pilot Project shall be extended, including specific  
11       recommendations for legislative action.