

1 S.191

2 Introduced by Senator Hashim

3 Referred to Committee on Education

4 Date: January 3, 2024

5 Subject: Education; VSAC; advancement grant; residency requirement

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes that
7 advancement grant applicants who are refugees, asylees, asylum seekers,
8 humanitarian parolees, or special immigrant visa holders shall not be ineligible
9 for the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation advancement grant solely on
10 account of the applicant's residency status.

11 ~~An act relating to New American Advancement Grant Applicants~~

An act relating to New American educational grant opportunities

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

13 ~~Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2846 is amended to read:~~

14 § 2846. ADVANCEMENT GRANTS

15 (a) The Corporation may establish an advancement grant program for
16 residents pursuing nondegree education and training opportunities who do not
17 meet the definition of student in subdivision 2822(3) of this title, and who may
18 ~~not meet the requirements of this subchapter.~~

1 ~~(b) Advancement grants may be used at institutions that are not approved~~
2 ~~posts secondary education institutions.~~

3 (c) The Corporation may adopt rules or establish policies, procedures,
4 standards, and forms for advancement grants, including the requirements for
5 applying for and using the grants and the eligibility requirements for the
6 institutions where the grants may be used. Such rules shall be consistent with
7 subsection (d) of this section.

8 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, applicants who are
9 refugees, asylees, asylum seekers, humanitarian parolees, or special immigrant
10 visa holders shall not be ineligible for the advancement grant solely on account
11 of the applicant's residency status under subdivision 2822(7) of this title. The
12 Corporation shall establish policies, procedures, standards, or forms regarding
13 required documentation for eligibility under this subsection.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.~~

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2846 is amended to read:

§ 2846. ADVANCEMENT GRANTS

(a) The Corporation may establish an advancement grant program for residents pursuing nondegree education and training opportunities who do not meet the definition of student in subdivision 2822(3) of this title; and who may not meet the requirements of this subchapter.

(b) Advancement grants may be used at institutions that are not approved postsecondary education institutions.

(c) The Corporation may adopt rules or establish policies, procedures, standards, and forms for advancement grants, including the requirements for

applying for and using the grants and the eligibility requirements for the institutions where the grants may be used. Such rules shall be consistent with subsection (d) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, applicants who qualify for in-state tuition to the Community College of Vermont pursuant to subsection 2185(c) of this title shall not be ineligible for the advancement grant solely on account of the applicant's residency status under subdivision 2822(7) of this title. The Corporation shall establish policies, procedures, standards, or forms regarding required documentation for eligibility under this subsection.

Sec. 2. INCENTIVE GRANT ELIGIBILITY; RESIDENCY

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person who qualifies for in-state tuition to the Community College of Vermont pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2185(c) shall not be ineligible for the Vermont incentive grant program under 16 V.S.A. §§ 2841–2844 solely on account of that person's residency status.

(b) This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2027.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.