

1 S.171

2 Introduced by Senator Ram Hinsdale

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; legal residence

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
7 student displaced by a natural disaster to continue to enrollment in the
8 student's school of origin regardless of whether the student or student's parents
9 maintain residency within the same school district following displacement.

10 An act relating to the legal residency of a student following displacement by
11 a natural disaster

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

13 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1075 is amended to read:

14 § 1075. LEGAL RESIDENCE DEFINED; RESPONSIBILITY AND
15 PAYMENT OF EDUCATION OF STUDENT

16 (a) For the purpose of this title, except as otherwise set forth, the legal
17 residence or residence of a student shall be as follows:

18 (1) In the case of a minor, legal residence is where ~~his or her~~ the
19 student's parents reside, except that:

1 (k)(1) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (h) of this section, for the
2 purposes of this title, a student who has been displaced by a natural disaster
3 may maintain enrollment in the student’s school of origin, as defined in
4 subdivision (c)(1) of this section, as of the day preceding the first day of a
5 natural disaster. A displaced student may maintain enrollment in the student’s
6 school of origin regardless of whether the student or student’s parents continue
7 to reside within the same school district following displacement.

8 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a displaced
9 student who maintains enrollment in the student’s school of origin pursuant to
10 this subsection shall be counted in the average daily membership of the school
11 district of origin regardless of whether the student is a legal resident of the
12 school district of origin.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.