

1 S.191

2 Introduced by Senator Hashim

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

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

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.

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

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

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

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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