

1 Sec. X. 16 V.S.A. § 4011 is amended to read:

2 § 4011. EDUCATION PAYMENTS

3 (a) Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for
4 statewide education spending and a portion of a base education amount for
5 each adult education and secondary credential program student.

6 (b) For each fiscal year, the base education amount shall be \$6,800.00,
7 increased by the most recent New England Economic Project Cumulative Price
8 Index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods
9 and services from fiscal year 2005 through the fiscal year for which the amount
10 is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.

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12 (f)(1) ~~Annually, the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and~~
13 ~~literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult~~
14 ~~education and secondary credential program from funds appropriated for this~~
15 ~~subsection to the Agency of Administration in an amount equal to 26 percent~~
16 ~~of the base education amount for each student who completes the diagnostic~~
17 ~~portions of the an adult education and secondary credential program, based on~~
18 ~~an average of the previous two years; 40, the Secretary of Administration shall~~
19 ~~pay to the following local adult education and literacy providers that provide~~
20 ~~an adult education and secondary credential program an amount that shall be~~

1 calculated pursuant to the funding formula contained in the State Board of
2 Education adult education rules:

3 (A) Vermont Adult Learning;

4 (B) the Tutorial Center;

5 (C) Central Vermont Adult Education; and

6 (D) Northeast Kingdom Learning Services.

7 (2) Forty percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be
8 from State funds appropriated from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the
9 payment required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated
10 from the General Fund.

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12 Sec. X. ADULT EDUCATION; FUNDING; REPORT

13 (a) On or before December 1, 2025, the Agency of Education, in
14 consultation with local adult education and literacy providers, shall submit a
15 written report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic
16 Development; the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and
17 General Affairs; and the House and Senate Committees on Education with
18 recommendations to modernize adult education funding to ensure funds are
19 distributed equitably across all regions of the State.

20 (b) For fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Education shall negotiate in good
21 faith to extend the existing contracts with local adult education and literacy

- 1 providers for a term of one year. The Agency shall endeavor to maintain the
- 2 terms of the existing contracts to the greatest extent possible.