

1 S.183

2 Introduced by Senators Ingram, Baruth, and Branagan

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; flexible pathways; dual enrollment; parochial schools

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a
7 student who attends an approved independent school that is a parochial school
8 to be eligible for dual enrollment courses. It accomplishes this by eliminating
9 the requirement that a student's district of residence must pay publicly funded
10 tuition to the approved independent school on behalf of the student.

11 An act relating to the eligibility of students attending approved independent
12 schools that are parochial schools to be eligible for dual enrollment courses

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

14 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 944 is amended to read:

15 § 944. DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

16 (a) Program creation. There is created a the statewide Dual Enrollment
17 Program to be a potential component of a student's flexible pathway. The
18 Program shall include college courses offered on the campus of an accredited
19 postsecondary institution and college courses offered by an accredited

1 postsecondary institution on the campus of a secondary school. The Program
2 may include online college courses or components.

3 (b) Students.

4 (1) A Vermont resident who has completed grade 10 but has not
5 received a high school diploma is eligible to participate in the Program if:

6 (A) the student:

7 (i) is enrolled in:

8 (I) a Vermont public school, including a Vermont career
9 technical center;

10 (II) a public school in another state or an approved independent
11 school that is designated as the public secondary school for the student's
12 district of residence; or

13 (III) an approved independent school in Vermont ~~to which the~~
14 ~~student's district of residence pays publicly funded tuition on behalf of the~~
15 ~~student;~~

16 (ii) is assigned to a public school through the High School
17 Completion Program; or

18 (iii) is a home study student;

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20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.