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Introduced by Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Colston of Winooski, Hill of
Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, and Troiano of Stannard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; workforce development

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide a
State education award that matches the Segal AmeriCorps education award to a
student who provided his or her AmeriCorps service in Vermont and is
enrolled at a Vermont postsecondary institution.

An act relating to creating a State funding match for Americorps members

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2886 is added to read:

§ 2886. SEGAL AMERICORPS EDUCATION AWARD; STATE MATCH;

IN-STATE TUITION ELIGIBILITY

(a)(1) The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall administer a
program to provide a State education award that matches the federal Segal
AmeriCorps education award to a student who provided his or her AmeriCorps
service in Vermont and is enrolled at Northern Vermont University, Castleton
University, or Vermont Technical College.

1 (2) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
2 necessary to verify a student's eligibility and the amount of his or her federal
3 education award.

4 (3) The Corporation's duties under this section are subject to the
5 appropriation of funds by the General Assembly specifically for this purpose.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a student who is a
7 past or present AmeriCorps service member in Vermont shall be eligible for
8 in-state tuition rates at Vermont State colleges and universities.

9 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

10 In fiscal year 2020, the amount of \$200,000.00 is appropriated from the
11 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to provide
12 matching State education awards pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2886.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.