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Introduced by Representative LaLonde of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; dual enrollment; grade 10 students

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a student who has not completed grade 10 but is otherwise eligible to participate in dual enrollment to enroll and participate in a publicly funded dual enrollment course if the course begins within 30 days prior to the date that the student is scheduled to complete grade 10.

An act relating to increasing access for grade 10 students to dual enrollment

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

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

§ 944. DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

(a) Program creation. There is created a statewide Dual Enrollment Program to be a potential component of a student's flexible pathway. The Program shall include college courses offered on the campus of an accredited postsecondary institution and college courses offered by an accredited postsecondary institution on the campus of a secondary school. The Program may include online college courses or components.

1 (b) Students.

2 (1) ~~A~~ Subject to subsection (k) of this section, a Vermont resident who
3 has completed grade 10 but has not received a high school diploma is eligible
4 to participate in the Program if:

5 (A) the student:

6 (i) is enrolled in:

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

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

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

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

17 (iii) is a home study student;

18 (B) dual enrollment is an element included within the student's
19 personalized learning plan; and

20 (C) the secondary school and the postsecondary institution have
21 determined that the student is sufficiently prepared to succeed in a dual

1 enrollment course, which can be determined in part by the assessment tool or
2 tools identified by the participating postsecondary institution.

3 (2) An eligible student may enroll in up to two dual enrollment courses
4 prior to completion of secondary school for which neither the student nor the
5 student's parent or guardian shall be required to pay tuition. A student may
6 enroll in courses offered while secondary school is in session and during the
7 summer.

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9 (k) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a Vermont resident who
10 has not completed grade 10 but is otherwise eligible to participate in dual
11 enrollment under subsection (b) of this section shall be eligible to enroll and
12 participate in a publicly funded dual enrollment course under subsection (f) of
13 this section if the course begins within 30 days prior to the date that the student
14 is scheduled to complete grade 10; provided, however, that if the student does
15 not complete grade 10, the course shall no longer be available for public
16 funding under subsection (f) of this section for that student.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.