

# Higher Education Legislation in the New England States, 2024

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## Summary

This document provides a list of higher education legislation passed (or, in the case of Massachusetts, pending) from the 2024 legislative session. It was produced in preparation for the New England Board of Higher Education’s Fall Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting to support state legislators’ knowledge of legislative efforts across the region.

Note: This report aims to summarize major legislative actions but does not contain an exhaustive list of all legislation pending or passed in New England.

Key legislative themes in 2024 included:

- Passage of interstate social work licensure compact agreements reducing barriers to social work licensure and increasing enrollment in social work degree programs.
- Establishment of student loan forgiveness programs for individuals entering certain high-demand professions, including health care, behavioral health, education, and criminal justice.
- Expanding in-state tuition and financial support to students with diverse immigration statuses.
- Supporting wrap-around support services on public campuses, including basic needs and mental health services.

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## Connecticut Higher Education Legislation Passed in 2024

Bill Number	Title	Description	Sponsor(s)
HB05363	An Act Concerning the Planning Commission for Higher Education.	To (1) establish deadlines for appointment of commission members and for convening the first meeting, and (2) extend the deadlines by which the commission submits the preliminary report and updated strategic master plan.	Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, William Pizzuto, Martin Foncello, Lisa Seminara
SB00013	An Act Incentivizing Student Loan Repayment Assistance.	To provide tax credits to employers making payments directly to their employees' student loan balances.	William Pizzuto, Patricia Dillon, Tammy Nuccio, Timothy Ackert, Henry Genga, Matt Blumenthal
SB00107	An Act Updating Requirements for Construction Management Oversight at the University of Connecticut, Pausing the Requirement for a Plan to Increase the Number of Full-Time Faculty at Public Institutions of Higher Education and Replacing References to the President of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities with the Chancellor of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.	To remove reference to the defunct construction management oversight committee for UConn 2000 projects and repeal the requirement for the state universities to develop a plan to increase the number of full-time faculty.	Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee
SB00109	An Act Modifying the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.	To change the requirement for a minimum class rank percentile to a minimum grade point average for students to qualify for admission to a participating institution of higher education through the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program.	Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, Kevin Kelly, Irene Haines, Henri Martin
HB05128	An Act Requiring Disclosure of	To require each institution of higher education to disclose its	Higher Education and Employment

	Scholarship Displacement Policies at Institutions of Higher Education.	scholarship displacement policies. <sup>1</sup>	Advancement Committee, Francis Cooley, Kathleen McCarty, Irene Haines, Martin Foncello, Tom Delnicki, Lisa Seminara, Eric Berthel, Henri Martin
HB05239	An Act Establishing the Path Program and Amending the Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation Program.	To (1) make nonprofit organizations that provide collegiate awareness and preparation programs eligible for grants, (2) establish an earlier application deadline and a one-year award period, and (3) increase funding for the Connecticut collegiate awareness and preparation program.	Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, Geraldo Reyes, Hilda Santiago, Anabel Figueroa, Henry Genga, Saud Anwar, <b>Gregory Haddad</b> , Martin Foncello, Kevin Kelly, Lisa Seminara, Jeff Gordon
SB00303	An Act Concerning the Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations for Technical Revisions to the Higher Education Statutes.	Repeals subsections of the general statutes to substitute that the executive director of the Office of Higher Education may deny for-profit institutions' applications to receive public funds.	Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee
HB05436	An Act Concerning Educator Certification, Teachers, Paraeducators and Mandated Reporter Requirements.	To revise and update the laws governing teacher certification to include: (1) the removal of edTPA as a requirement for teacher certification, and (2) the requirement of a master's degree to qualify for a professional educator certificate.	Education Committee, Christopher Poulos, Kevin Brown, Holly Cheeseman, Bobby Gibson, Farley Santos, Rachel Chaleski, Tammy Nuccio, Henry Genga, Hubert Delany, Irene Haines, Tracy Marra, Martin Foncello, Patricia Miller, Lisa Seminara, David Michel, Eric Berthel, Jeff Gordon

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<sup>1</sup> Scholarship displacement occurs when a student receives a private scholarship that leads to a reduction in the total institutional financial aid offered.

SB00304	An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority.	To allow students under eighteen years of age to qualify for authority loans and allow the authority to fund special capital reserve funds with a surety policy or similar instrument.	Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, Mike Demicco, John-Michael Parker, William Pizzuto, Kathleen McCarty, Martin Foncello, Holly Cheeseman, Lisa Seminara, Paul Cicarella
SB00407	An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Workers' Compensation Coverage for Students of Regional Agricultural Science and Technology Centers.	To add vocational agricultural students enrolled in an internship to the definition of "employee" for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Act.	Appropriations Committee, Anthony Nolan, Martin Foncello, Kara Rochelle, William Pizzuto, Patricia Dillon, Christie Carpino, William Buckbee, Hubert Delany, Lisa Seminara, Holly Cheeseman
SR00013/ HR00014	Resolution Proposing Approval of an Agreement Between the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees and the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Local 6950.	Approves the agreement between the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees and the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America.	Labor and Public Employees Committee, Heather Bond Somers, Cindy Harrison, Derell Wilson, Hubert Delany, Eric Berthel, Paul Cicarella, Martin Looney

## Maine Higher Education Legislation Passed in 2024

Bill Number	Title	Description	Sponsor(s)
LD2221	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a	The State Board of Education shall amend rule Chapter 115 and submit the provisionally adopted rule to the 132nd Legislature for review. Amendments to the rule may	Michael Brennan

	Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education.	include but are not limited to recommendations included in the State Board of Education's report submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs in 2023.	
LD1263	An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline.	A public postsecondary educational institution in the State that issues identification cards to students enrolled in the public postsecondary educational institution shall ensure that identification cards contain the 988-telephone number for the national suicide and crisis hotline.	Sheila Lyman, Lisa Keim, James Libby, <b>Rebecca Millett</b> , Joseph Rafferty, Heidi Sampson, Jeffrey Timberlake
LD1990	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Evaluate the Requirements for Licensing of Social Workers.	Amends licensing requirements for social workers to remove board examination requirements.	Rachel Talbot Ross, Poppy Arford, David Boyer, Stacy Brenner, Lydia Crafts, Deqa Dhalac
LD2094	Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers.	Includes a representative from a postsecondary institution along with representatives from various law enforcement agencies.	Troy Jackson, Pinny Beebe-Center, Glenn Curry, Janice Dodge, Bradlee Farrin, Matthew Harrington, Craig Hickman, Margaret Rotundo
LD2214	An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025.	Outlines state budget allocations in higher education, including for the Maine Community College System, early college, career technical education and other areas.	Melanie Sachs

## Massachusetts Higher Education Legislation – 2024\*

\*This table displays legislation that was introduced and is pending further action, as higher education legislation has not yet been enacted.

Bill Number	Title	Description	Sponsor(s)	Status, Date of Last Action
MA S 77	Loan Repayment Program.	Relates to a loan repayment program for human services workers.	Sal DiDomenico	Pending - Senate Committee on Ways and Means, 3/18/2024
MA S 781/MA H 1245	Primary Care Workforce Development and Loan Repayment.	Relates to the primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers.	Liz Miranda	Pending - Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, 7/11/2024
MA H 1274	Higher Education Tuition and Fee Waivers for Seniors.	Establishes a pilot reimbursement program for all public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, including all state universities, community colleges and University of Massachusetts campuses, providing tuition and fee waivers for senior citizens aged 60 and older.	Bradley Jones	Pending – Joint Committee on Higher Education, 6/6/2024
MA H 1275/MA S 2678	Behavioral Health Workforce Center of Excellence.	Establishes a Behavioral Health Workforce Center of Excellence at a state or community college.	Kay Khan	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 4/1/2024
MA H 1277	Student Access to Academic Transcripts.	Prohibits institutions of higher education from withholding a student's academic transcripts solely due to that student's failure to pay any loan payments, fines, fees, tuition, or other expenses owed.	David LeBoeuf	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 1/22/2024
MA H 1278	Higher Education Recordkeeping Responsibilities.	Provides that the board may approve an institution's proposal to rely on blockchain or distributed ledger	Kate Lipper-Garabedian	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 6/6/2024

		technology to maintain said records.		
MA H 1279	Tuition Rates and Fees at Public Institutions.	Proposes additions that make non-US citizens ineligible for in-state tuition, and for uniform proofs of residence documentation processes for all institutions of higher education.	Marc Lombardo	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 6/6/2024
MA H 1280	Advanced Placement Examinations and College Credit.	Requires institutions develop and post written policies and procedures to accept a score of three, four, and five on all Advanced Placement examinations to satisfy degree requirements.	Adrian Madaro	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 1/22/2024
MA H 1281	State Tuition Rates and Fees.	Provides for in-state tuition rates for persons who attended high school in the state for 3 or more years or attained the equivalent, excluding nonimmigrant aliens.	Michael Moran	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 6/6/2024
MA H 1282	Applications to Higher Education Institutions.	Prohibits the consideration of familial relationships to graduates in applications to higher education institutions.	Michael Moran	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 4/1/2024
MA H 1283	Public Higher Education Student Information.	Public colleges and universities ... shall not be required to produce records defined as education records in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ..., including those education records designated by the public colleges and universities as directory information.	Michael Moran	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 1/22/2024
MA H 1284/MA S 843	State Universities.	Authorizes state universities to offer clinical and professional doctorate programs.	James O'Day	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 1/22/2024

MA H 1286	High Schools Providing and Funding College Programs.	Requires public institutions of higher education develop and post written policies for accepting course credit from high school dual enrollment or test credits. Established the Massachusetts Office of College in High School. Requires all public high school students submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or an application with the Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority, provides exceptions.	<b>Jeffrey Roy</b>	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 4/8/2024
H 1287/MA S 2677	Admissions Requirements to Public Institutions.	Provides that no applicant shall be required to take any standardized college entrance aptitude test to gain admittance to any undergraduate degree program at a public institution of higher education.	Adam Scanlon	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 4/1/2024
MA H 1288	Higher Education Capital Investments.	Defines project criteria for higher education capital investments in gateway municipalities or abutting municipalities.	Paul Schmid	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 6/6/2024
MA H 1289	Residential Preference for Financial Aid.	Provides that decisions relating to admissions, scholarships, and grants shall give priority to students residing in the state who have been legally adopted by a blood relative or assigned a permanent legal guardian after the termination of parental rights or the death of biological parents.	Alan Silvia	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 6/6/2024
MA H 1290	Tuition and Fee Freeze at All Public Colleges.	Relates to a tuition and fee freeze at all public colleges and universities.	Jeffrey Turco	Pending - Joint Committee on



				Higher Education, 6/6/2024
MA H 1292	Tuition Free Program for Teachers and Paraprofessionals.	Relates to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.	Steven Ultrino	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 6/6/2024
MA H 1293	Hunger Free Campus Grant Program.	Establishes a hunger-free campus grant program.	Andres Vargas	Pending - Joint Committee on Higher Education, 3/6/2024
MA S 1851/MA H 2873	Employee Student Loan Assistance.	Encourages employee student loan assistance through the creation of a tax deduction.	Edward Kennedy	Pending - Joint Committee on Revenue, 3/21/2024
MA H 1952/MA S 1186	Community College Training Incentive Program.	Expands the community college training incentive program to include credit- bearing courses ... for eligible expenditures under the grant.	Adam Scanlon	Pending - Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, 1/22/2024
MA S 1997	Unpaid Student Loans.	No board of registration...or agency shall deny issuance of, revoke or refuse to renew any professional or occupational certificate, registration, license, or authority of an individual based on an individual's default on an educational loan.	Ryan Fattman	Pending - Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, 6/10/2024
MA H 2606	Student Loan Payments.	Provides student loan payments for any individual who, having attained a criminal justice degree or law enforcement certificate from a Massachusetts state college, university, or community college, is currently working for a law enforcement agency, municipal police department, or the state police in the Commonwealth.	Lenny Mirra	Pending - Joint Committee on Public Service, 4/4/2024

MA H 2607	Free Tuition for Students.	Regards free tuition for students seeking a degree in criminal justice.	Lenny Mirra	Pending - Joint Committee on Public Service, 4/4/2024
MA H 3045	Renewal of Licenses After Default on Student Loans.	Prohibits the denying the renewal of any professional or occupational certificate, registration, license, or authority of an individual based on the individual's default on an educational loan.	Natalie Higgins	Pending – House, 7/30/2024

### New Hampshire Higher Education Legislation Passed in 2024

Bill Number	Title	Description	Sponsor(s)
HB1450	Requiring the University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire to Further Work Toward Implementing Comprehensive Higher Education Alignment Strategies and Findings Identified in the Governor's Public Higher Education Task Force Report.	This bill directs the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire to work collaboratively toward implementation of the comprehensive higher education alignment strategies necessary to successfully meet projected demands for New Hampshire higher education.	Roderick Ladd, James Gray
SB521	Relative to the Educational Credentials for Master Teacher.	Grants educational credential of master teacher to persons meeting high-standard criteria for the purposes of identifying highly qualified, experienced teachers to serve as resources who contribute to improved student learning, a positive school environment, and increased collaboration.	Daniel Innis, <b>Ruth Ward, David Watters, Donovan Fenton,</b> Corinne Cascadden, Roderick Ladd, <b>Mel Myler,</b> Peter Petrigno
HB155	Relative to the Higher Education Commission.	This bill amends the membership requirements of the higher education commission.	Michael Moffett

HB1305	Relative to Freedom of Speech and Association at Public Institutions of Higher Education.	This bill establishes procedures governing freedom of speech and association at public institutions of higher education. It ensures the protection of expressive activities, prohibits the creation of "free speech zones" and mandates that public institutions treat outdoor areas as public forums, and protects student organizations from discrimination based on their religious, political, or ideological expressions.	Daniel Popovici-Muller, Valerie McDonnell, Bob Lynn, Ellen Read, Jonah Wheeler, Joe Alexander, Leonard Turcotte, <b>Glenn Cordelli, Timothy Lang</b> , Keith Murphy, Regina Birdsell
SB376	Relative to Establishing a Corrections Education and Vocational Planning Group.	Establishes a stakeholder group which will convene to develop a plan for expanding education and vocation opportunities in New Hampshire correctional facilities.	<b>David Watters</b> , Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Donna Soucy, Lou D'Allesandro, <b>Donovan Fenton, Ruth Ward</b> , Becky Whitley, Sharon Carson, Howard Pearl, Cindy Rosenwald, Shannon Chandley
SB106	Establishing an Emerging Professional Certificate for Child Care Programs.	This bill creates emerging professional certificates and the requirements and rulemaking authority for the Department of Health and Human Services to issue such certificates.	<b>Donovan Fenton, Ruth Ward</b>
HB1079	Relative to Critical Incident Stress Management Team Members and Establishing a Rural and Underserved Area Educator Incentive Program for Higher Education and Making an Appropriation Therefor.	This bill revises membership of critical incident stress management teams and terminology regarding critical incident intervention and management. The bill also establishes the rural and underserved area educator incentive program and makes an appropriation therefor.	Mark Proulx
SB528	Relative to Trustees of the University System.	This bill revises the procedure for selecting the student members of the university system Board of Trustees and removes the member elected	James Gray, Roderick Ladd

		by the alumni of Granite State College.	
SB334	Relative to Providing for the Issuance of Bonds and Other Obligations by the Business Finance Authority of the State of New Hampshire to Finance Student Loans.	This bill includes the business finance authority of the state of New Hampshire as an entity authorized to issue bonds and other obligations to finance student loans.	Daniel Innis, <b>Timothy Lang</b> , John Potucek
SB527	Relative to Student Housing.	This bill includes student housing in municipal workforce housing regulations.	Suzanne Prentiss, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka
SB404	Relative to Expanding Child Care Professionals' Eligibility for the Child Care Scholarship Program.	This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report and budget proposal regarding the establishment of a childcare workforce childcare assistance pilot program.	Becky Whitley, Cindy Rosenwald, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Donna Soucy, Debra Altschiller, <b>David Watters</b> , <b>Donovan Fenton</b> , Shannon Chandley, Suzanne Prentiss, Lou D'Allesandro, Jeb Bradley, Charles McMahon, David Paige, Alexis Simpson, Mary Wallner
SB403	Relative to the Health Care Workforce.	This bill (1) extends the deadlines of the legislative commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce issues, (2) makes clarifying amendments to the nurse practice act statute, (3) establishes the position of and regulation of community health workers, and (4) provides directives to the Department of Health and Human Services.	Cindy Rosenwald, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Donna Soucy, Becky Whitley, Debra Altschiller, <b>David Watters</b> , Shannon Chandley, <b>Donovan Fenton</b> , Suzanne Prentiss, Lou D'Allesandro, Jess Edwards, Jaci Grote, Joe Schapiro, Mary Wallner

## Rhode Island Higher Education Legislation Passed in 2024

Bill Number	Title	Description	Sponsor(s)
S2867/H8078	Implements a Grant Program to Fund Public or Private Partnerships that Provide	This act would direct the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the Department of Labor	Teresa Tanzi, Kathleen Fogarty, Leonela Felix, Maryann Shallcross-

	Opportunities for Healthcare Paraprofessionals to Pursue Higher Education Degrees and Health Professional Licensure.	and Training and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, to implement a grant program to fund public or private partnerships that provide opportunities for healthcare paraprofessionals to pursue higher education degrees and health professional licensure. This program would increase the diversity of the health professional workforce.	Smith, Edith Ajello, John Lombardi, Raymond Hull, Mia Ackerman, Joseph McNamara, Rebecca Kislak
H7627	House Resolution Creating a Special Legislative Commission to Study the Feasibility of Utilizing Federal Title IV Dollars to Support and Enhance Enrollment in Social Work Education At Rhode Island College.	Creates a 12-member commission to study the feasibility of utilizing Federal Title IV-E dollars to enroll students in the field of social work, and who would report back to the House and Governor by October 1, 2024, and expire on January 24, 2025.	Julie Casimiro, Thomas Noret, Patricia Serpa, Joseph Solomon, Cherie Cruz
H7509/S2511	Provides that Gift Certificates Issued by State-Chartered Institutions of Higher Education would be Exempt from the Provisions of the Gift Certificate Statute Relating to Expiration, Escheatment, Reissuance and Refund.	This act would provide that gift certificates issued by state-chartered institutions of higher education may be refunded upon an individual's separation from the institution.	Alex Finkelman, Evan Shanley, Jose Batista, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Ramon Perez, Thomas Noret, Matthew Dawson, <b>William O'Brien</b> , David Morales, Megan Cotter, Matthew LaMountain, John Burke
H7068/S2033	Provides that the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building at the University of Rhode Island be Named as "Joseph '56 and Ruby DeChristofaro Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences."	This act provides that the center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences building at the University of Rhode Island be named as "Joseph '56 and Ruby DeChristofaro Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences."	Kathleen Fogarty, Teresa Tanzi, <b>Carol Hagan McEntee</b> , Lauren Carson, Robert Phillips, Patricia Serpa, Matthew Dawson, Justine Caldwell, Tina Spears, Robert Craven
H7029/S2156	Increases the Maximum Post Retirement	Anyone who has retired from certain education services, including service at any state	<b>Carol Hagan McEntee</b> , Kathleen Fogarty, Patricia

	Employment Earnings from Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) To Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) a Year for Certain Retired Educators.	college, university, or state school, may be paid no more than \$25,000 dollars (formerly \$18,000 dollars) in one calendar year.	Serpa, <b>William O'Brien</b> , Matthew Dawson, David Morales, Justine Caldwell, Robert Craven, Thomas Noret, Robert Phillips, Alana DiMario, Bridget Valverde, <b>Hanna Gallo</b> , <b>Louis DiPalma</b> , Samuel Zurier, Jonathon Acosta, Mark McKenney, Dawn Euer, Melissa Murray, Jacob Bissailon
H7297/ S2624	Establishes A Second Avenue of Qualification as an Optician, to Include Successfully Completing an Apprenticeship Program.	A new avenue to becoming an optician was established consisting of an apprenticeship program with certain requirements, including a duration of not less than four thousand one hundred (4,100) hours completed in not less than two (2) years.	Alex Finkelman, Jacquelyn Baginski, Frank Lombardi, Frank Ciccone, Ana Quezada, John Burke, David Tikoian
H7977	House Resolution Creating a Special Legislative Commission to Study the Ability of the Rhode Island Educational System to Offer Degree or Certificate Programs Within the State to Provide a Supply and a Pipeline of Planners, Planning Technicians, and Planning Staff.	Creates an 11-member commission to study the ability of the Rhode Island educational system to offer degrees or certificates to provide a supply/pipeline of planners, planning technicians and staff, and report back by January 1, 2025 (expires June 30, 2025).	Joseph Shekarchi, Christopher Blazejewski, Cherie Cruz, David Morales, <b>June Speakman</b> , Tina Spears, Robert Craven, Samuel Azzinaro, Joseph Solomon, Katherine Kazarian
S2184/H7350	Adopts Model Legislation Facilitating the Interstate Practice of Regulated Social Workers.	Adopts the Social Work Licensure Compact facilitating the interstate practice of regulated social workers with the main goal of increasing public access to social work services.	Alana DiMario, Pamela Lauria, Ryan Pearson, Bridget Valverde, Melissa Murray, Valarie Lawson, Linda Ujifusa, Dawn Euer, Jacob Bissailon, Samuel Bell,

			Justine Caldwell, Kathleen Fogarty, Patricia Serpa, Michelle McGaw, <b>June Speakman</b> , Rebecca Kislak, David Morales, Brandon Potter, John Edwards, Brandon Voas
S3132	Senate Resolution Creating a Special Legislative Commission to Study the Governance Structure of Rhode Island's Public Education System.	Creates a seven-member special legislative commission to study, review, and make recommendations on how to most efficiently and effectively administer the governance of the K-16 public education system.	<b>Louis DiPalma</b>

### Vermont Higher Education Legislation Passed in 2024

Bill Number	Title	Description	Sponsor(s)
S0191	An Act Relating to New American Educational Grant Opportunities.	Establishes advancement grants for refugees and other students with non-citizen immigration status; forbids the Vermont State Colleges from excluding students from in-state tuition rates based on their immigration status.	Nader Hashim
JRS038	Joint Resolution Providing for a Joint Assembly for the Election of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and Two Legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.	A resolution stating that two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation will serve four-year terms commencing on March 1, 2024, and expiring on March 1, 2028.	Philip Baruth
S0120	An Act Relating to Postsecondary Schools and Sexual Misconduct Protections.	Postsecondary schools shall ensure students have access to confidential sexual misconduct support services covered by victim and crisis worker privilege under applicable law, either on or off campus.	Nader Hashim

H0707	An Act Relating to Revising the Delivery and Governance of the Vermont Workforce System.	Centralizes the Vermont workforce system within the Office of Workforce Strategy; determines specific requirements for Executive Committee membership; and commissions a study related to education and workforce data sharing, needs, and governance, all with the goal of coordinating the state’s workforce needs with higher education, health, and other state agencies and sectors.	Michael Marcotte, <b>Stephanie Jerome</b>
H0543	An Act Relating to Vermont’s Adoption of the Social Work Licensure Compact and to Emergency Housing Eligibility Documentation.	Adopts the interstate Social Work Licensure Compact.	<b>Stephanie Jerome, Carol Ode,</b> and others

**References**

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