

1 H.217

2 Introduced by Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Higley of Lowell,
3 Mrowicki of Putney, Page of Newport City, Patt of Worcester,
4 Savage of Swanton, and Strong of Albany

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Education; school district consolidation; evaluation of Act 46

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
9 Agency of Education to evaluate the successes and failures of Act 46.

10 An act relating to the evaluation of Act 46

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

12 Sec. 1. ACT 46 EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

13 On or before each of November 1, 2021, November 1, 2022, and November
14 1, 2023, the Agency of Education shall submit a written report to the House
15 and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Ways and
16 Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance with its findings on the
17 successes and failures of the implementation of 2015 Acts and Resolves
18 No. 46, as amended, including:

19 (1) whether, and the extent to which, each of the act's five goals have
20 been met, which are to:

1 (A) provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational
2 opportunities statewide;

3 (B) lead students to achieve or exceed the State’s Education Quality
4 Standards, adopted as rules by the State Board of Education at the direction of
5 the General Assembly;

6 (C) maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to
7 manage, share, and transfer resources with a goal of increasing the district-level
8 ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;

9 (D) promote transparency and accountability; and

10 (E) deliver education at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value;

11 (2) if a goal has not been met, the reasons for the failure and
12 recommendations to achieve that goal; and

13 (3) the fiscal impact of the act, including:

14 (A) the cost of implementing the tax incentives;

15 (B) the amount saved through mergers under the act; and

16 (C) the results in statewide education spending and what Vermonters
17 pay for education.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.