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Introduced by Representatives Headrick of Burlington, Cina of Burlington,  
Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, and  
Stebbins of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; University of Vermont; enrollment cap; rental housing

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
University of Vermont and State Agricultural College to limit the number of  
students enrolled to its enrollment number as of July 1, 2023 until the rental  
vacancy rate in Burlington reaches five percent, as well as require a guarantee  
of 93 square feet of living space for on-campus residential students.

An act relating to University of Vermont and State Agricultural College  
residential living space

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

Sec. 1. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL  
COLLEGE ENROLLMENT CAP

The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College shall limit the  
number of students enrolled in the school to its enrollment number as of July 1,

1 2023 until such time as the rental vacancy rate in the City of Burlington  
2 reaches five percent.

3 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 2286 is added to read:

4 § 2286. ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

5 The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College shall guarantee  
6 each on-campus residential student a minimum of 93 square feet of living  
7 space.

8 (1) This standard shall apply to all residential buildings in use on July 1,  
9 2023 as well as all new construction and existing buildings repurposed for  
10 housing after July 1, 2023.

11 (2) The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College shall  
12 make reasonable efforts to ensure all housing complies with this section as  
13 soon as practicable.

14 (3) Current students living in on-campus housing with less than 93  
15 square feet of living space shall be offered housing that meets the requirements  
16 of this section prior to the same housing being offered to new students.

17 (4) Space designed to house two students that does not meet the  
18 requirements of this section shall be offered to students with documented  
19 medical accommodation needs for a single room.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.