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2 Introduced by Representatives Savage of Swanton, Batchelor of Derby,

3 Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell,

4 Leffler of Enosburgh, Martel of Waterford, Page of Newport

5 City, Quimby of Concord, and Rosenquist of Georgia

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Education; dissolution of the State Board of Education

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to dissolve the
10 State Board of Education and to transfer the Board's current authorities and
11 duties to the Secretary of Education.

12 An act relating to the dissolution of the State Board of Education

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

14 Sec. 1. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; SECRETARY OF

15 EDUCATION; AGENCY OF EDUCATION; POWERS AND

16 DUTIES

17 (a) Actions relating to education are the province of the Governor, through
18 the Secretary of Education who is appointed by the Governor, and the General
19 Assembly. The Governor and the General Assembly are accountable to the
20 public for the delivery of education at the State level. The members of the

1 State Board of Education are not publicly elected and are not accountable to
2 the public for their actions. This act dissolves the State Board of Education
3 and transfers the Board's current authorities and duties to the Secretary of
4 Education in order to better ensure transparency and accountability to the
5 public.

6 (b) The State Board of Education shall cease to exist as of the effective date
7 of this act, and its members shall be relieved of their duties.

8 (c) The Secretary of Education shall assume all the powers, duties, rights,
9 and responsibilities of the State Board of Education on the effective date of
10 this act.

11 (d) The rules of the State Board of Education in effect on the effective date
12 of this act shall be the rules of the Agency of Education until amended or
13 repealed. All references in those rules to the State Board of Education, the
14 Department of Education, and the Commissioner of Education shall be deemed
15 to refer to the Agency of Education and the Secretary of Education as
16 appropriate.

17 Sec. 2. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; STATUTORY REVISION

18 (a) In its statutory revision capacity under 2 V.S.A. § 424, the Office of
19 Legislative Council shall, where appropriate to implement the intent of this act,
20 replace the term "State Board of Education" and "State Board" in the Vermont
21 Statutes Annotated with the term "Secretary of Education" or "Secretary."

1 (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Office of Legislative Council shall
2 prepare and submit a draft bill to the House and Senate Committees on
3 Education that makes all statutory amendments necessary to effect the intent of
4 this act.

5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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