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Introduced by Representatives Sibia of Dover, Eastman of Orwell, Olsen of Londonderry, Scheuermann of Stowe, and Zagar of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; elementary schools; tuition payment to schools

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a school district to pay tuition for elementary school education to other schools within or outside the State.

An act relating to the ability of a school district to pay tuition to other schools

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 821(a) is amended to read:

(a) Elementary school. Each school district shall maintain one or more approved schools within the district in which elementary education for its resident students in kindergarten through grade six is provided unless:

(1) the electorate authorizes the school board to provide for the elementary education of the students by paying tuition in accordance with law to one or more public elementary schools in one or more school districts;

1 (2) the school district is organized to provide only high school education
2 for its students; ~~or~~

3 (3) the General Assembly provides otherwise; or

4 (4) the electorate authorizes the school board to close an existing
5 elementary school and to provide for the elementary school education of its
6 students by paying tuition to a public elementary school, an approved
7 independent elementary school, or an independent school meeting education
8 quality standards, to be selected by the parents or guardians of the student
9 within or outside the State.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.