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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Brady of Williston, Sibia of Dover, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Christie of Hartford, Graning of Jericho, McCann of Montpelier, Minier of South Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Stone of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; Agency of Education; State Board of Education; Department of Education; Commissioner; Secretary; professional development

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: In order to ensure a healthy, stable, and responsive public education system, which depends on transparency, policy stability, deliberative governance, and fair representation, this bill proposes to transform the Agency of Education into a department that reports to the State Board of Education, including eliminating the position of Secretary of Education and creating the position of Commissioner of Education to perform the Secretary's duties and report directly to the State Board. The bill would transform the State Board of Education and require it to supervise and

1 manage the Department of Education and the public school system. The bill
2 would also require the composition of the Board to reflect the geographic
3 diversity of the State and student enrollment patterns relative to the proportion
4 of students receiving education through the public school system. Finally, the
5 bill would create a professional development institute within the Department of
6 Education to provide statewide support for improving learning by using
7 evidence-based practices, building healthy and inclusive school cultures, and
8 strengthening healthy development and support for students with challenging
9 behaviors.

10 An act relating to creating a Department and Commissioner of Education
11 and amending the duties and composition of the State Board of Education

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

13 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)