

1 S.134

2 Introduced by Senators Collamore, Chittenden, Gulick, Harrison, Lyons,
3 McCormack, Norris, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky,
4 Weeks, Westman, White, Williams and Wrenner

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Education; Vermont State Colleges; libraries

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
9 Vermont State Colleges from closing or reducing in size or scope the operation
10 of the physical libraries on any of their campuses without legislative approval.
11 It would also prohibit the Vermont State Colleges from reducing the number of
12 positions, employees, or employee hours assigned to the operation or support
13 of their libraries below the numbers in effect on January 1, 2023 without
14 legislative approval.

15 An act relating to requiring legislative approval prior to closing or reducing
16 the size or scope of any Vermont State College library

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

18 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2183 is added to read:

19 § 2183. LIBRARIES; LIBRARY STAFF

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Corporation
2 shall not close or reduce in size or scope the operation of a physical library that
3 was in operation on any of its campuses on January 1, 2023, or convert any
4 library to an all-digital format, unless that action is specifically authorized by
5 the General Assembly.

6 (b) The Corporation shall not reduce the number of positions, employees,
7 or employee hours assigned to the operation or support of a physical library
8 that was in operation on any of its campuses on January 1, 2023 below the
9 numbers of positions, employees, and employee hours in effect on that date.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.