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2 Introduced by Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Andrews of Rutland

3 City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph and Haas of

4 Rochester

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Education; special education; disabilities; graduation

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to ensure that each secondary student
9 with a disability has the opportunity to join his or her age-appropriate peers in
10 all senior-year activities and ceremonies even if the student's individualized
11 education plan (IEP), 504 plan, or both anticipate that the student will need
12 more than four years in which to complete all graduation requirements.

13 An act relating to including secondary students with disabilities in senior
14 year activities and ceremonies

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

16 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2944(g) is added to read:

17 (g) Each school district shall ensure that every student enrolled in the
18 district who, pursuant to an individualized education plan or Section 504 of the
19 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or both, will need more than four years in which to
20 complete all graduation requirements, has the opportunity to participate with

- 1 his or her age-appropriate peers in senior year activities and ceremonies,
- 2 including commencement exercises.