

1 H.352

2 Introduced by Representative Clark of Vergennes

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; schedule; school year

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to clarify and update statutory
7 language regarding regional school calendars. It would also provide flexibility
8 to regions to establish calendars, with state board approval, that differ from
9 calendars currently in place in Vermont schools in aspects such as the length of
10 school day and school year, the number of student attendance days per week,
11 and the time and length of school vacations.

12 An act relating to an alternative school year

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

14 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1071(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) ~~Regional~~ Technical center service region calendar. Before April 1 of
16 each year, the superintendents of schools and the headmasters of public
17 ~~schools not managed by school boards in an area~~ within a technical center
18 service region, the headmaster of an approved independent school functioning
19 as an approved area technical center, and the director of a regional technical
20 center school district, if either exists in the technical center service region,

1 shall meet; and by majority vote; establish a uniform calendar to be observed
2 by all school districts within ~~that area~~ the region for the following school year.

3 The calendar shall include student attendance days, periods of vacation,
4 holidays ~~and~~, teacher in-service education days, and provisions for
5 transportation of students attending a technical center in the region and shall
6 comply with subsection (a) of this section. Unless permitted by the
7 commissioner, no area served by a regional technical center shall be divided
8 into two or more calendar regions.

9 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 1071(h) is added to read:

10 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and subject to
11 approval by the commissioner, each region may establish a calendar that
12 differs from the requirements of this section and state board rules, including
13 the number of student attendance days per year, the number of student
14 attendance days per week, the length of the school day, the time and length of
15 vacations, and the total number of student hours per year.