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Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Deen
of Westminster, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland
City, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of
Warren, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Kitzmiller of
Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero,
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of Shelburne, Lorber of Burlington, Malcolm of Pawlet,
Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of
Newfane, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell
of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro,
Munger of South Burlington, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of
Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of
South Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Spengler of Colchester,
Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of Randolph,
Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of
Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington and
Yantachka of Charlotte

1 Referred to Committee on

2 Date:

3 Subject: Education; education funding; secondary students; cost per graduate

4 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to direct the department of education

5 to create an index comparing current expenditures per pupil to cohort

6 graduation rates for secondary students in Vermont and in at least ten other

7 states and to create a similar index for district-to-district comparison in

8 Vermont.

9 An act relating to creating an index comparing current expenditures per
10 pupil to secondary school cohort graduation rates

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

12 Sec. 1. INDEX COMPARING EXPENDITURES TO COHORT

13 GRADUATION RATES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

14 (a) In this section:

15 (1) "Cohort graduation rate" has the same meaning as the term is used
16 by the department of education when preparing its annual Vermont Public
17 School Dropout and High School Completion Report.

18 (2) "Current expenditures per pupil" has the same meaning as the term
19 is used by the U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences,
20 National Center for Education Statistics ("NCES").

1 (b) The department of education shall create an index comparing current
2 expenditures per pupil to cohort graduation rates for secondary students in
3 Vermont and in no fewer than ten other states that the department has
4 determined are demographically, geographically, and otherwise comparable to
5 Vermont. On or before:

6 (1) January 15, 2012, the department shall create the index for the four
7 most recent years for which data are available and shall present the index to the
8 house committee on ways and means, the senate committee on finance, and the
9 house and senate committees on education.

10 (2) January 15, 2013 and in each January thereafter, the department shall
11 provide the committees with an updated index that includes the next most
12 recent year's data.

13 (c) On or before January 15, 2013, the department shall provide to the
14 house committee on ways and means, the senate committee on finance, and the
15 house and senate committees on education a similar index that compares data
16 on a district-by-district basis in Vermont.