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2 Introduced by Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Christie of Hartford and Peltz

3 of Woodbury

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Education; standards-based performance assessment; secondary

7 school; graduation

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require satisfactory completion of
9 a standards-based performance assessment prior to graduation from secondary
10 school, to permit graduation beginning in January of a student's junior year,
11 and to allow a student who graduates prior to senior year to continue to attend
12 technical education and college preparatory classes until age 25.

13 An act relating to requiring a standards-based performance assessment prior
14 to graduation from secondary school

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

16 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 165 is amended to read:

17 § 165. STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; EQUAL

18 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES; STANDARDS-BASED

19 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

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1 (g) No publicly funded student attending a Vermont public school, an
2 independent school meeting school quality standards, or an approved
3 independent school shall meet the requirements for secondary school
4 graduation unless the student has satisfactorily completed a standards-based
5 performance assessment pursuant to this subsection.

6 (1) The department shall determine the nature and content of the
7 assessment, which shall be the minimum standard required for secondary
8 school graduation.

9 (2) A student who has satisfactorily completed the assessment shall be
10 eligible to graduate from secondary school beginning in January of the
11 student's junior year; provided, however, that a student who graduates prior to
12 senior year may attend technical education and college preparatory classes
13 available to students enrolled in that school until the student reaches the age
14 of 25.

15 (3) A student who does not satisfactorily complete the assessment shall
16 be provided additional opportunities to do so.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to students
19 graduating from secondary school in 2014 and after.