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2 Introduced by Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Munger of South

3 Burlington, Ram of Burlington and Wizowaty of Burlington

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Education; professional educators; licensing; African-American

7 history

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require each applicant seeking to
9 obtain or renew a license to teach in a public elementary or secondary school
10 in Vermont to have completed at least one three-credit course in
11 African-American history at an accredited college or university, covering the
12 period from the European colonization of North America through the end of
13 the 20th century.

14 An act relating to requiring postsecondary credits in African-American
15 history as a condition of teacher licensing

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

17 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1696(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) Qualifications of applicants. An applicant shall submit to the
19 commissioner evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant
20 ~~either has completed;~~

1 (1) Completed all requirements of an approved educator preparation
2 program or has otherwise acquired the knowledge and skills required for a
3 license through coursework and experiences apart from an approved educator
4 preparation program; and

5 (2) Completed at least one three-credit course in African-American
6 history at an accredited college or university, covering the period from the
7 European colonization of North America through the end of the 20th century.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect from passage and shall apply to applications
10 submitted pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1696(a) on or after July 1, 2012.