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Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Education; tuition; independent schools

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Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit school districts from

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paying tuition for a resident student to attend an out-of-state independent

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school.

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An act relating to tuition payments to out-of-state independent schools

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

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Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 822(a) is amended to read:

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(a) Each school district shall provide, furnish, and maintain one or more

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approved high schools in which high school education is provided for its pupils

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unless:

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(1) The electorate authorizes the school board to close an existing high

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school and to provide for the high school education of its pupils by paying

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tuition in accordance with law. Tuition for its pupils shall be paid to a public

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high school, an approved independent high school, or an independent school

1 meeting school quality standards, to be selected by the parents or guardians of
2 the pupil, within ~~or without~~ the state; or

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4 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 828 is amended to read:

5 § 828. TUITION TO APPROVED SCHOOLS, AGE, APPEAL

6 A school district shall not pay the tuition of a pupil except to a public
7 school, an approved independent school, an independent school meeting school
8 quality standards, a tutorial program approved by the state board, or an
9 approved education program, ~~or an independent school in another state or~~
10 ~~country approved under the laws of that state or country~~, nor shall payment of
11 tuition on behalf of a person be denied on account of age. Unless otherwise
12 provided, a person who is aggrieved by a decision of a school board relating to
13 eligibility for tuition payments, the amount of tuition payable, or the school he
14 or she may attend; may appeal to the state board and its decision shall be final.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage and shall apply to tuition paid by
17 school districts for the 2012–2013 academic year and after.