

1 H.682

2 Introduced by Representatives Turner of Milton and Savage of Swanton

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; standards-based performance assessment; secondary
6 school; graduation

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require satisfactory completion of
8 a standards-based performance assessment prior to graduation from secondary
9 school, to permit graduation beginning in January of a student's junior year,
10 and to allow a student who graduates prior to senior year to continue to attend
11 technical education and college preparatory classes until the end of the
12 academic year in which the student was originally scheduled to have
13 completed secondary school.

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

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

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

18 § 165. STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; EQUAL
19 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES; STANDARDS-BASED
20 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

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

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

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

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

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to students
21 graduating from secondary school in 2015 and after.