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2 Introduced by Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Branagan of Georgia,

3 Cheney of Norwich, Condon of Colchester, Evans of Essex,

4 Ram of Burlington, and Sharpe of Bristol

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Education; tuition; independent schools

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit  
9 school districts from paying tuition for a resident student to attend an  
10 out-of-state independent school.

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

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

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

14 (a) Each school district shall ~~provide, furnish, and~~ maintain one or more  
15 approved high schools in which high school education is provided for its ~~pupils~~  
16 resident students unless:

17 (1) The electorate authorizes the school board to close an existing high  
18 school and to provide for the high school education of its ~~pupils~~ students by  
19 paying tuition ~~in accordance with law. Tuition for its pupils shall be paid~~ to a  
20 public high school, an approved independent high school, or an independent

1 school meeting school quality standards, to be selected by the parents or  
2 guardians of the ~~pupil student~~, within ~~or without the state~~ 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 student~~ except to a  
7 public school, an approved independent school, an independent school meeting  
8 school quality standards, a tutorial program approved by the ~~state board~~, State  
9 Board, or an approved education program, ~~or an independent school in another~~  
10 ~~state or country approved under the laws of that state or country, nor shall~~.  
11 The payment of tuition on behalf of a person shall not be denied on account of  
12 age. Unless otherwise provided, a person who is aggrieved by a decision of a  
13 school board relating to eligibility for tuition payments, the amount of tuition  
14 payable, or the school he or she may attend, may appeal to the ~~state board~~ State  
15 Board and its decision shall be final.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013 and shall apply to tuition paid by  
18 school districts for the 2013–2014 academic year and after.