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2 Introduced by Representatives Johnson of South Hero, Ancel of Calais,  
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4 Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock,  
5 Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of  
6 Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Goodwin of Weston,  
7 Greshin of Warren, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven,  
8 Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City,  
9 Manwaring of Wilmington, Masland of Thetford, Miller of  
10 Shaftsbury, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford,  
11 Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol,  
12 Stuart of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Wilson of Manchester,  
13 and Winters of Williamstown

14 Referred to Committee on

15 Date:

16 Subject: Education; federal funding; waiver

17 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
18 Secretary of Education to develop a plan to enter into an agreement with the  
19 U.S. Department of Education that would enable more flexible use of federal  
20 education funds and fewer administrative requirements.

1 An act relating to federal funding of public education

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

3 Sec. 1. EDUCATION; FEDERAL FUNDING; WAIVER

4 (a) The Secretary of Education shall explore whether and to what extent the  
5 State could enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education that  
6 would:

7 (1) combine multiple sources of federal funds for education into an  
8 undifferentiated source of funding;

9 (2) provide the State with more discretion and flexibility regarding use  
10 of the funds for educational purposes; and

11 (3) eliminate some or all administrative requirements and other  
12 restrictions that attach to the receipt of the funds while ensuring that the State  
13 is accountable and meets specified policy objectives.

14 (b) On or before January 15, 2015, the Secretary shall present to the House  
15 and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Education, the House  
16 Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance the  
17 results of the work required by subsection (a) of this section together with a  
18 detailed plan to negotiate the agreement described by the plan.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage.