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Introduced by Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Goodwin of Weston, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Wright of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; school districts; approved independent schools; recognized independent schools; extracurricular activities

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require public school districts to permit students enrolled in approved and recognized independent schools to participate in all extracurricular activities, including the public school’s athletic teams, that are available to students enrolled in the district’s schools.

1 An act relating to participation in public school activities by students
2 enrolled in independent schools

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

4 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 563(24) is amended to read:

5 (24) Shall adopt a policy ~~which~~ that, in accordance with rules adopted
6 by the ~~state board of education~~ State Board, will:

7 (A) integrate home study students into its schools through enrollment
8 in courses, participation in cocurricular and extracurricular activities, including
9 athletics, and use of facilities; and

10 (B) enable students enrolled in approved and recognized independent
11 schools to participate in all extracurricular activities available to students
12 enrolled in the schools maintained by the district, including membership on the
13 district's athletic teams.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.