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Introduced by Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dame of Essex, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Graham of Williamstown, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Masland of Thetford, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Poirier of Barre City, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Derby, Strong of Albany, Townsend of South Burlington, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

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

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

6 An act relating to participation in public school activities by students
7 enrolled in independent schools

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

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

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

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

15 (B) enable students enrolled in approved and recognized independent
16 schools to participate in all extracurricular activities available to students
17 enrolled in the schools maintained by the district, including membership on the
18 district's athletic teams.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.