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Introduced by Representatives Baser of Bristol, Carr of Brandon, Higley of
Lowell, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, O’Sullivan of Burlington,
Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilia of Dover, Strong of Albany, and
Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; Education Fund; General Fund; corrections; Community
High School of Vermont

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to transfer
funding for the Community High School of Vermont from the Education Fund
to the General Fund.

An act relating to funding the Community High School of Vermont

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

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the transfer of funding for the
Community High School of Vermont from the Education Fund to the General
Fund will not reduce the amount of the general funds appropriated or
transferred to the Education Fund in each fiscal year.

1 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 4025 is amended to read:

2 § 4025. EDUCATION FUND

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4 (b) Monies in the Education Fund shall be used for the following:

5 (1) To make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the
6 support of education in accordance with the provisions of section 4028 of this
7 title, other provisions of this chapter, and the provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter
8 135, and to make payments to carry out programs of adult education in
9 accordance with section 945 of this title, ~~and to provide funding for the~~
10 ~~community high school of Vermont.~~ No payments shall be made to fund the
11 Community High School of Vermont.

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13 Sec. 3. 28 V.S.A. § 120 is amended to read:

14 § 120. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM;
15 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

16 (a) Authority. An education program is established within the Department
17 of Corrections for the education of persons who have not completed secondary
18 education and who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner.

19 (b) Applicability of education provisions. The education program shall be
20 approved by the State Board of Education as an independent school under
21 16 V.S.A. § 166, shall comply with the school quality standards provided by

1 16 V.S.A. § 165, and shall be coordinated with adult education, special
2 education, and career technical education.

3 (c) Program supervision. The Commissioner of Corrections shall appoint a
4 Director of Corrections Education, who shall be licensed as an administrator
5 under 16 V.S.A. chapter 51, to serve as the Superintendent of the Community
6 High School of Vermont and coordinate use of other education programs by
7 persons under the supervision of the Commissioner.

8 (d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of
9 study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as
10 required in 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 at each correctional facility and Department
11 service center, but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical
12 educational course.

13 (e) [Repealed.]

14 (f) Reimbursement payments. The provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4012, relating
15 to payment for State-placed students, shall not apply to the Corrections
16 education program.

17 (g) [Repealed.]

18 (h) Required participation. All persons under the custody of the
19 Commissioner who are under ~~the age of~~ 23 years of age and have not received
20 a high school diploma shall participate in an education program unless
21 exempted by the Commissioner.

1 (i) Funding. Any funding for the Community High School of Vermont
2 shall be paid from the General Fund.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015, and shall apply to fiscal year 2017
5 and after.