

1 House Committee on Education: committee bill regarding the town tuition  
2 program, list of section topics

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4 Sec. 1. Findings

- 5 • Constitutional obligation to provide public education

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7 Sec. 2. Mandatory accreditation by NEASC or AISNE

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9 Sec. 3. Mandatory reporting to local education agency (LEA) of more than  
10 three consecutive unexcused absences for tuitioned students

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12 Sec. 4. AOE to convene a work group of superintendents from sending and  
13 receiving public schools and headmasters of approved independent schools to  
14 create a standard for reporting the academic progress of tuitioned students on  
15 an annual basis

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17 Sec. 5. Approved independent schools shall comply with the Vermont Public  
18 Accommodations Act.

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20 Sec. 6. AOE to create a compliance checklist for approved independent  
21 schools to annually attest compliance the below items. Attestations shall be

1 sent to the sending LEA by August 1<sup>st</sup> and noncompliant attestations shall be  
2 referred to AOE (SBE?) for enforcement.

- 3 • Vermont Public Accommodations Act & Vermont Fair  
4 Employment Practices Act, including a statement of  
5 nondiscrimination posted on the school’s website and included in  
6 the school’s application materials
- 7 • Adoption of all policies required by rule or statute—to be  
8 determined by AOE

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10 Sec. 7. Students may choose to use tuition in schools within Vermont or  
11 schools within a 25-mile radius of the Vermont border. Students enrolled in  
12 schools beyond a 25-mile radius at time of passage may continue to use tuition  
13 until graduation.

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15 Sec. 8. Moratorium on initial approval of new approved independent schools  
16 until July 1, 2024, when changes to SBE rule 7320 go into effect.

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18 Sec. 9. Approved independent schools located outside Vermont shall be  
19 required to have nondiscriminatory admissions policies and shall post such  
20 policies on their website

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- 1 Sec. 10. No private right of action & creation of State Board noncompliance
- 2 resolution process