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Introduced by Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; elective computer usage

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow students the right to opt out of using computers as a part of their education.

An act relating to students' right to opt out of computer usage

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 914 is added to read:

§ 914. STUDENT'S RIGHT OF REFUSAL; COMPUTER USAGE

(a) A student in a public elementary or secondary school or an approved independent school shall have the right to refuse to use a computer in order to perform work forming part of a course of instruction.

(b) Each school district and approved independent school shall adopt and implement policies regarding a student's right of refusal under this section, which shall include:

(1) the process by which a student may exercise this right;

1 (2) alternative education methods through which a student exercising his
2 or her right under this section can learn and be assessed on material required
3 by the course; and

4 (3) a statement that no student shall be discriminated against or
5 penalized for his or her decision to exercise the right of refusal afforded by this
6 section.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.