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2 Introduced by Representatives Johnson of South Hero, Beck of St. Johnsbury,  
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4 City, Helm of Fair Haven, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krebs of  
5 South Hero, and Sibilias of Dover

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Education; secondary schools; designation

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a  
10 district that does not operate a high school to designate more than one school  
11 as the school in which its resident students shall enroll.

12 An act relating to the designation of more than one high school

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

14 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 827 is amended to read:

15 § 827. DESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL OR AN

16 APPROVED INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL AS THE ~~SOLE~~

17 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT

18 (a) A school district not maintaining an approved public high school may  
19 vote on such terms or conditions as it deems appropriate, to designate ~~an~~ one or

1 more approved independent ~~school or a~~ or public school high schools as the  
2 public high school or schools of the district.

3 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if the board of trustees or  
4 the school board of ~~the~~ a designated school votes to accept this designation, the  
5 school shall be regarded as a public school for tuition purposes under  
6 subsection 824(b) of this title, and the sending school district shall pay tuition  
7 only to that school only, and to any other school designated under this section,  
8 until such time as the sending school district or the designated school votes to  
9 rescind the designation.

10 (c) A parent or legal guardian who is dissatisfied with the instruction  
11 provided at ~~the~~ a designated school or who cannot obtain for his or her child  
12 the kind of course or instruction desired there, or whose child can be better  
13 accommodated in an approved independent or public high school nearer his or  
14 her home during the next academic year, may request on or before April 15  
15 that the school board pay tuition to another approved independent or public  
16 high school selected by the parent or guardian.

17 (d) The school board may pay tuition to another approved high school as  
18 requested by the parent or legal guardian if in its judgment that will best serve  
19 the interests of the student. Its decision shall be final in regard to the  
20 institution the student may attend. If the board approves the parent's request,

1 the board shall pay tuition for the student in an amount not to exceed the  
2 least of:

3 (1) The statewide average announced tuition of Vermont union high  
4 schools.

5 (2) The per-pupil tuition the district pays to the designated school in the  
6 year in which the student is enrolled in the nondesignated school. If the district  
7 has designated more than one school pursuant to this section, then it shall be  
8 the lowest per-pupil tuition paid to a designated school.

9 (3) The tuition charged by the approved nondesignated school in the  
10 year in which the student is enrolled.

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12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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