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Introduced by Representative Rachelson of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; school districts; governance

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Secretary of Education to develop a detailed proposal to move the State to a single, statewide school district similar to the education governance model in Hawaii.

An act relating to creating a statewide school district

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

Sec. 1. STATEWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT; PROPOSAL; REPORT

(a) In order to maximize the ability to provide equitable educational opportunities to the State's small, declining student population while also minimizing administrative and overhead costs, the Secretary of Education shall develop a proposal by which the State shall transition to a single statewide school district. In developing the proposal, the Secretary shall consider the education governance model in Hawaii, including the positive and negative effects that transition to the model has had on educational opportunities, outcomes, and budgets in Hawaii and on the provision and funding of special

1 education services in that state. The Secretary shall also investigate the need  
2 for waivers or other federal actions necessary to transition Vermont to a  
3 statewide school district.

4 (b) On or before January 15, 2016, the Secretary shall present a detailed  
5 proposal, including a timeline, to the House and Senate Committees on  
6 Education to transition the State to a single statewide school district by fiscal  
7 year 2020.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on passage.