

1 H.594

2 Introduced by Representatives Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of  
3 St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Huntley of Cavendish,  
4 Sweaney of Windsor, and Toll of Danville

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Education; side-by-side mergers

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend 2012  
9 Acts and Resolves No. 156 to authorize a side-by-side Regional Educational  
10 District (RED) in which one of the districts is not merging.

11 An act relating to side-by-side RED qualification

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

13 Sec. 1. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 15. TWO OR MORE MERGERS; REGIONAL EDUCATION  
15 DISTRICT INCENTIVES

16 (a) Notwithstanding Sec. 3(a)(1) of No. 153 of the Acts of the 2009  
17 Adj. Sess. (2010) that requires a single regional education district (“RED”) to  
18 have an average daily membership of at least 1,250 or result from the merger  
19 of at least four districts, or both, two or more ~~new~~ districts shall be eligible  
20 jointly for the incentives provided in Sec. 4 of No. 153 if:

1 (1) either:

2 (A) each ~~new~~ district is newly formed by the merger of at least two  
3 existing districts; or

4 (B) one district is newly formed by the merger of at least three  
5 existing districts and the other district is preexisting and not formed as a result  
6 of a merger, that is, the preexisting district;

7 (2) each ~~new~~ newly formed district and the preexisting district meets all  
8 criteria for RED formation other than the size criterion of Sec. 3(a)(1) of  
9 No. 153;

10 (3) one of the ~~new~~ newly formed districts or the preexisting district  
11 provides education in all elementary and secondary grades by operating one or  
12 more schools and the other ~~new~~ newly formed district or districts pay or the  
13 preexisting district pays tuition for students in one or more grades;

14 (4) each ~~new~~ newly formed district has the same effective date of  
15 merger;

16 (5) the ~~new~~ newly formed districts, when merged, and the preexisting  
17 district are members of one supervisory union; and

18 (6) the ~~new~~ newly formed districts and the preexisting district jointly  
19 satisfy the size criterion of Sec. 3(a)(1) of No. 153.

20 (b) This section is repealed on July 1, 2017.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.