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8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Education; public high school choice

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
12 statewide public high school choice include grades 7 and 8.

13 An act relating to grade levels included in statewide public high school
14 choice

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

16 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 822a(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) Definitions. In this section:

18 (1) "High school" means a public school or that portion of a public
19 school that offers grades 9 through 12 or some subset of those grades. If a
20 school district that maintains a high school also maintains a school that offers

1 grade 8 or grades 7 and 8, then “high school” also means a school or that
2 portion of a school that offers grade 8 or grades 7 and 8.

3 (2) “Student” means a Vermont resident in grade 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12
4 and means a student’s parent or guardian if the student is a minor or under
5 guardianship and means a student himself or herself if the student is not
6 a minor.

7 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION

8 Beginning in academic year 2016–2017 and pursuant to the terms of
9 16 V.S.A. § 822a as amended by Sec. 1 of this act, a student in grade 7 or 8
10 may choose to attend a public high school in a school district that maintains
11 one or more schools that offer grades 7 through 12; provided, however, that
12 application for and notification of enrollment for academic year 2016–2017
13 shall be pursuant to procedures and deadlines established and published by the
14 Secretary of Education on or before September 1, 2015.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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