

Miscellaneous Education Bill

St. Johnsbury Academy recommended changes

**Sec. 6 of the bill**

Recommend making no change to the definition of “independent school”

**Sec. 8 recommend the following language:**

Sec. 8. 16 V.S.A. § 828 is amended to read: 4

§ 828. TUITION TO APPROVED SCHOOLS; AGE; APPEAL 5

A school district shall not pay the tuition of a student except to a public school, an approved independent school, an independent school meeting education quality standards, a tutorial program approved by the State Board, or an approved education program, or an independent school outside of Vermont that is approved under the laws of that state and is within 25 miles of the VT border or otherwise located in a state that has a tuitioning relationship with Vermont independent schools, ~~in another state or country approved under the laws of that state or country~~, nor shall payment of tuition on behalf of a person be denied on account of age. Unless otherwise provided, a person who is aggrieved by a decision of a school board relating to eligibility for tuition payments, the amount of tuition payable, or the school he or she may attend, may appeal to the State Board and its decision shall be final.

**Sec. 9 recommend the following language:**

Sec. 9. TRANSITION

Notwithstanding Secs. 6-8 of this act, a school district may pay tuition on behalf of a student for the 2018-2019 school year to an approved independent school that is located outside of 25 miles from the Vermont border or is otherwise located in a state that has a tuitioning relationship with Vermont independent schools if, during the 2017-2018 school year, the student attended that school.