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Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Christie of Hartford,
Conquest of Newbury, Fegard of Berkshire, Hooper of
Montpelier, Szott of Barnard, and Troiano of Stannard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; school district consolidation; candidates for teaching and
school principal positions

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit the
governing board of a town that is associated with a school district that is
required to merge under Act 46 to have the right to interview candidates for
teaching and school principal positions in the acquiring district and to
recommend candidates for those positions to the governing board of the
acquiring district.

An act relating to the right to interview candidates for teaching and school
principal positions where school districts have been forced to merge

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

Sec. 1. DEFINITIONS

(a) Definitions. As used in this act:

1 (1) “Acquiring district” means a school district that is formed by the
2 State Board Order or into which another school district is ordered by the State
3 Board Order to merge.

4 (2) “Associated town” means the town or other municipal entity from
5 which students who attended a school in the merged district primarily reside.

6 (3) “Merged district” means a school district that is ordered by the State
7 Board Order to merge or consolidate with another school district.

8 (4) “State Board Order” means the section of the State Board Report
9 entitled “State Board of Education’s ‘order merging and realigning districts
10 and supervisory unions where necessary pursuant to Act 46, Sec. 10(b).”

11 (5) “State Board Report” means the “Final Report of the Decisions and
12 Order on Statewide School District Merger Decisions Pursuant to Act 46,
13 Sections 8(b) and 10” issued by the State Board of Education dated
14 November 28, 2018.

15 Sec. 2. RIGHT TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING AND

16 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL POSITIONS

17 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing
18 board of an associated town shall have the right to interview candidates for
19 teaching and school principal positions in an acquiring district and to
20 recommend candidates for those positions to the governing board of the
21 acquiring district. The governing board of the acquiring district shall consider

1 any recommendations from the governing board of an associated town, permit
2 representatives of the governing board of an associated town to present their
3 recommendations at a meeting of the governing board of the acquiring district,
4 and give deference to these recommendations if the governing board of the
5 acquiring district finds that a candidate recommended by the governing board
6 of an associated town is equally well qualified as other candidates.

7 (b) This act shall not apply where the merged district was a union school
8 district.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.