

1 H.609

2 Introduced by Representative Ancel of Calais

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; union school district; articles of agreement; indebtedness

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize a
7 newly formed district under Act 46 to amend its articles of agreement to
8 equalize homestead property tax rates and household income percentage based
9 on the level of capital debt contributed to the district by each town associated
10 with a district that merged into the newly formed district.

11 An act relating to amending the indebtedness provision in a union school
12 district's articles of agreement

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

14 Sec. 1. NEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT; ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT;

15 AMENDMENT; INDEBTEDNESS; TAX RATES

16 (a) Definitions. As used in this act:

17 (1) "Merging district" means a school district that is ordered by the State
18 Board Order to merge into a newly formed district.

19 (2) "Newly formed district" means a school district that is formed by the
20 State Board Order.

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

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

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a newly formed district
9 may amend its articles of agreement to equalize homestead property tax rates
10 and household income percentages for each town associated with a district that
11 merged into a newly formed district to reflect the level of capital debt
12 contributed to the newly formed district by that merging district pursuant to the
13 process set forth in 16 V.S.A. chapter 11.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.