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Introduced by Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington, Elder of  
Starksboro, and James of Manchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; children of parents who are homeless; high school

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a child  
of parents who are homeless who was enrolled and completed grade 10 in a  
Vermont public school to complete high school at that school even if the  
child's parents, either during that academic year or during the following two  
academic years, are no longer homeless and take up residency in a school  
district other than the school district in which the child enrolled and completed  
grade 10.

An act relating to the education of children of parents who are homeless

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1075 is amended to read:

§ 1075. LEGAL RESIDENCE DEFINED; RESPONSIBILITY AND  
PAYMENT OF EDUCATION OF STUDENT

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(c) State-placed students.



1 will be in the best interests of the child. A “child of ~~homeless~~ parents who are  
2 homeless” means a child whose parents:

3 ~~(1)(A)~~ lack a fixed, regular, and adequate residence, or

4 ~~(2)(B)~~ have a primary nighttime residence in a supervised publicly or  
5 privately operated shelter for temporary accommodations such as public  
6 assistance hotels, emergency shelters, battered women’s shelters, and  
7 transitional housing facilities, or a public or private place not designated for, or  
8 ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

9 (2) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary under this section, if a  
10 child of parents who are homeless was enrolled and completed grade 10 in a  
11 Vermont public school and the child’s parents, either during that academic  
12 year or during the following two academic years, are no longer homeless, as  
13 defined under this section, and take up residency in a school district other than  
14 the school district in which the child enrolled and completed grade 10, then the  
15 child shall be considered to be a legal resident of the school district in which  
16 the child completed grade 10 for such time that it takes for the student to  
17 graduate from high school, unless the child’s parents and another school  
18 district agree that the child’s attendance in school in that school district will be  
19 in the best interests of the child.

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- 1      Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2      This act shall take effect on passage.