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2	Introduced by Representatives Partridge of Windham, Colston of Winooski,
3	Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, and
4	Troiano of Stannard
5	Referred to Committee on
6	Date:
7	Subject: Education; public high school choice
8	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand public
9	high school choice to the seventh and eighth grades.
10 11	An act relating to expanding public high school choice to the seventh and eighth grades
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 822a is amended to read:
14	§ 822a. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE
15	(a) Definitions. In this section:
16	(1) "High school" means a public school or that portion of a public
17	school that offers grades $9 \overline{2}$ through 12 or some subset of those grades.
18	(2) "Student" means a student's parent or guardian if the student is a
19	minor or under guardianship and means a student himself or herself if the
20	student is not a minor.

1	(b) Limits on transferring students. A sending high school board may limit
2	the number of resident students who transfer to another high school under this
3	section in each year; provided that in no case shall it limit the potential number
4	of new transferring students to fewer than five percent of the resident students
5	enrolled in the sending high school as of October 1 of the academic year in
6	which the calculation is made or 10 students, whichever is fewer; and further
7	provided that in no case shall the total number of transferring students in any
8	year exceed 10 percent of all resident high school students or 40 students,
9	whichever is fewer.
10	(c) Capacity. On or before February 1 each year, the board of a high school
11	district shall define and announce its capacity to accept students under this
12	section. The Secretary shall develop, review, and update guidelines to assist
13	high school district boards to define capacity limits. Guidelines may include
14	limits based on the capacity of the program, class, grade, school building,
15	measurable adverse financial impact, or other factors, but shall not be based on
16	the need to provide special education services.
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18	(1) Waiver. If a high school board determines that participation under this
19	section would adversely affect students in its high school, then it may petition
20	the Secretary for an exemption. The Secretary's decision shall be final.
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- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 <u>This act shall take effect on passage.</u>