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Introduced by Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe and Yacovone of
Morristown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; merged districts; State aid; school construction

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require for the
period between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2028 the State to provide to school
districts that were required to merge by the “Final Report of the Decisions and
Order on Statewide School District Merger Decisions Pursuant to Act 46,
Sections 8(b) and 10” issued by the State Board of Education on November 28,
2018 State aid in the amount of 75 percent of the construction costs of a school
building if a new school is necessary for ensuring equity and quality
throughout the newly merged district.

An act relating to State aid for school construction for merged school
districts

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

2 Sec. 1. STATE AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION; MERGED

3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

4 (a) State aid for school construction. Beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending
5 on June 30, 2028, in any school district that was required to merge by the
6 “Final Report of the Decisions and Order on Statewide School District Merger
7 Decisions Pursuant to Act 46, Sections 8(b) and 10” issued by the State Board
8 of Education on November 28, 2018, the State shall pay 75 percent of the
9 construction costs of a new school building if a new building is required to
10 ensure equity and quality throughout the newly merged district.

11 (b) Application process. For the aid described in subsection (a) of this
12 section, on or before November 1, 2020, the Agency of Education shall
13 develop procedures for a school district to submit a funding request to the
14 State.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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