

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

### House Resolution

H.R. 10

House resolution reaffirming the position of the House related to 2019's House Bill 39

Offered by: Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell, Leffler of Enosburgh, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Rogers of Waterville, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, Yacovone of Morristown, and Young of Greensboro

Whereas, House Bill 39, "An act relating to the extension of the deadline of school district mergers required by the State Board of Education" is bipartisan legislation intended to address transitional issues impacting the school district merger process, and

Whereas, the rapidity of the merger process required of certain districts, especially those that the State Board of Education ordered to be established and that were not part of a merger study committee, poses problems for a smooth and successful transition for teachers, administrators, support staff, students, and parents, and

Whereas, on February 7, 2019, the House approved a Committee on Education strike-all amendment, on a vote of 134–10, and that amendment reflects the text of the bill as adopted in the House, and

Whereas, the bill proceeded to the Senate, where the measure was altered significantly prior to passage, and

Whereas, the subsequently appointed conferees have deadlocked, and on April 30, 2019, the Senate reaffirmed its position on House Bill 39 and requested the appointment of new conferees, and

Whereas, the enactment of an acceptable version of House Bill 39 is of great importance for the orderly opening of the 2019–2020 public school year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body reaffirms its position on 2019's House Bill 39, and be it further

Resolved: That this legislative body requests that new conferees be appointed in order to reach a successful conclusion to the deliberations on House Bill 39.