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2 Introduced by Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Browning of  
3 Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Coffey of Guilford,  
4 Conquest of Newbury, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of  
5 Wilmington, Hashim of Dummerston, Higley of Lowell,  
6 LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of  
7 Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Page of Newport City,  
8 Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Savage of Swanton,  
9 Sibilina of Dover, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, Szott of  
10 Barnard, Troiano of Stannard, and Yacovone of Morristown

11 Referred to Committee on

12 Date:

13 Subject: Education; school district consolidation; evaluation of Act 46

14 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
15 Agency of Education to evaluate the successes and failures of Act 46.

16 An act relating to the evaluation of Act 46

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

18 Sec. 1. ACT 46 EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

19 On or before each of November 1, 2019, November 1, 2020, and November  
20 1, 2021, the Agency of Education shall submit a written report to the House

1 and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Ways and  
2 Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance with its findings on the  
3 successes and failures of the implementation of 2015 Acts and Resolves No.  
4 46, as amended, including:

5 (1) whether, and the extent to which, each of the act's five goals have  
6 been met, which are to:

7 (A) provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational  
8 opportunities statewide;

9 (B) lead students to achieve or exceed the State's Education Quality  
10 Standards, adopted as rules by the State Board of Education at the direction of  
11 the General Assembly;

12 (C) maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to  
13 manage, share, and transfer resources with a goal of increasing the district-level  
14 ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;

15 (D) promote transparency and accountability; and

16 (E) deliver education at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value;

17 (2) if a goal has not been met, the reasons for the failure and  
18 recommendations to achieve that goal; and

19 (3) the fiscal impact of the act, including:

20 (A) the cost of implementing the tax incentives;

21 (B) the amount saved through mergers under the act; and

1                   (C) the results in statewide education spending and what Vermonters  
2                   pay for education.

3                   Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4                   This act shall take effect on passage.