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Introduced by Senators Ram, Cummings, Hardy, Lyons, Perchlik, Pollina and
Sirotkin

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; municipalities; cultural liaisons

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a school district and the town or city municipality or municipalities in which the school district operates to jointly fund the services of one or more cultural liaisons to support students and families who have limited English proficiency.

An act relating to facilitating cultural liaisons

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 4029 is amended to read:

§ 4029. USE OF FUNDS FOR EDUCATION

(a) Funds received by a school district may be used only for legitimate items of current education expense and shall not be used for municipal services.

(b) Funds received by a municipality other than a school district may not be used directly or indirectly for education expenses.

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1 (g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section or otherwise in
2 law, a school district and the town or city municipality or municipalities in
3 which the school district operates may jointly fund the services of one or more
4 cultural liaisons to support students and families who have limited English
5 proficiency (LEP). A cultural liaison provides language translation and
6 interpretation services to help facilitate educational and municipal services for
7 LEP students and families; facilitates communication among school and
8 municipal staff, LEP students and families, and community organizations; and
9 assists in reconciling differing cultural perspectives and understandings.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.