

1 H.181

2 Introduced by Representative Elder of Starksboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; supervisory unions

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create the  
7 Statewide Supervisory Union Study Committee to study the impact of the  
8 creation of a statewide supervisory union.

9 An act relating to the creation of the Statewide Supervisory Union Study  
10 Committee

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

12 Sec. 1. SUPERVISORY UNION; STATEWIDE SUPERVISORY UNION  
13 STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

14 (a) Creation. There is created the Statewide Supervisory Union Study  
15 Committee to study and make recommendations on the creation of a statewide  
16 supervisory union.

17 (b) Membership. The Study Committee shall be composed of the  
18 following members:

19 (1) the Secretary of Education or designee;

20 (2) a representative of the State Board of Education;

1           (3) the Executive Director of the Vermont-National Education  
2           Association or designee;

3           (4) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or  
4           designee;

5           (5) the Executive Director of the Vermont Principals' Association or  
6           designee; and

7           (6) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association  
8           or designee.

9           (c) Powers and duties. The Study Committee shall study the creation of a  
10          statewide supervisory union, including the following issues:

11           (1) whether the creation of a statewide supervisory union would:

12                   (A) create greater flexibility for school districts;

13                   (B) streamline the number of superintendents needed across the  
14           State; and

15                   (C) support the maintenance of the uniform chart of accounts or a  
16           shared school district data management system; and

17           (2) the method by which a school district would contract for services  
18           with the statewide supervisory union.

19           (d) Assistance. The Study Committee shall have the administrative,  
20           technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of Education.

1       (e) Report. On or before January 14, 2024, the Study Committee shall  
2       submit a written report to House and Senate Committees on Education with its  
3       findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

4       (f) Meetings.

5           (1) The Secretary of Education or designee shall call the first meeting of  
6       the Study Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2023.

7           (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the  
8       first meeting.

9           (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

10          (4) The Study Committee shall cease to exist on January 16, 2024.

11       (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Study Committee  
12       who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise  
13       compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem  
14       compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010  
15       for not more than six meetings. These payments shall be made from monies  
16       appropriated to the Agency of Education.

17       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.