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H.478

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Graning of Jericho

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; public schools; independent schools; school districts

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a pathway for independent schools to become public schools. The process would:

(1) include a study conducted by the school district within which the independent school is geographically located that addresses the following items:

(A) the purchase of real estate and personal property from the independent school and the responsibility for maintenance or renovations prior to any final transaction and during any transition period;

(B) transportation for students;

(C) staffing issues and a transition process to ensure compliance with 16 V.S.A. chapter 53, including a process to ensure all teachers and staff are appropriately licensed and credentialed within five years;

(D) a transition plan to ensure compliance with education quality standards under 16 V.S.A. § 165;

- 1 (E) a transition plan to ensure compliance with all other laws
2 applicable to public schools, including the adoption of required policies and
3 procedures not already in place in the independent school; and
4 (F) the allocation of the debt and assets of the independent school;
5 (2) require a presentation of the results of the study and
6 recommendations of the school board to the school district electorate; and
7 (3) require a vote of the school district electorate to approve an
8 independent school becoming a public school within the school district.

9 An act relating to an independent school becoming a public school

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

11 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)