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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Chase of Chester, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Carroll of Bennington, Casey of Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, LaMont of Morristown, McGill of Bridport, Nicoll of Ludlow, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Small of Winooski, Stone of Burlington, Templeman of Brownington, Waters Evans of Charlotte, White of Bethel, and Williams of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; school boards; enforcement; mascots; school branding; complaints

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make several amendments to 16 V.S.A. § 568 (school branding). Specifically, the bill proposes to:

- 1 (1) address the power imbalance between a school district’s access to
2 legal counsel and a private individual’s or group’s access to legal counsel;
- 3 (2) require the Agency of Education to respond to a complaint related to
4 school branding within a specific time frame;
- 5 (3) allow the Agency of Education to withhold public education funding
6 if a school district fails to comply with the school branding requirements
7 contained in 16 V.S.A. § 568; and
- 8 (4) create a process for appeal from a decision of the Secretary of
9 Education.

10 An act relating to updating the school branding and mascot law

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

12 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)