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2 Representatives Carpenter of Hyde Park, Arsenault of Williston, Burrows of  
3 West Windsor, Chapin of East Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Cole of  
4 Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Waitsfield, Goldman of Rockingham,  
5 Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Krasnow  
6 of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of  
7 Stowe, McGill of Bridport, Ode of Burlington, Roberts of Halifax, and Sibia  
8 of Dover move that the bill be amended as follows:

9 First: By adding a reader assistance heading and one new section to be Sec.  
10 24a to read as follows:

11 \* \* \* Tuition after School Closure \* \* \*

12 Sec. 24a. 16 V.S.A. § 830 is added to read:

13 § 830. PROHIBITION ON SCHOOL CLOSURE AND TRANSITION TO  
14 PAYING TUITION

15 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a school district shall  
16 be prohibited from closing an existing school and providing for the education  
17 of its resident students by paying tuition for its students to attend a public or  
18 approved independent school chosen by the parents of the district's students.  
19 A school district that closes an existing school shall provide for the education  
20 of its resident students by designating three or fewer of the following schools

1 to serve as the public school or schools of the district, in accordance with  
2 section 827 of this title:

3 (1) a public school located outside the district; or

4 (2) an independent school approved under section 166 of this title that  
5 meets at least three of the following four criteria:

6 (A) the approved independent school serves as a regional career and  
7 technical education center as defined in section 1522 of this title;

8 (B) the approved independent school was established through the  
9 granting of a charter by the Vermont General Assembly;

10 (C) the approved independent school qualified as a public school  
11 under the definition of “public school” in effect on June 30, 1991, under  
12 subdivision 11(a)(7) of this title; or

13 (D) the approved independent school is designated under section  
14 1935 of this title as an employer of teachers within the meaning of chapter 55  
15 of this title (State Teachers’ Retirement System of Vermont).

16 Second: In Sec. 25, effective dates, in subdivision (b)(13) by striking out  
17 “and”

18 Third: In Sec. 25, effective dates, in subdivision (b)(14), following “(Act  
19 127 conforming amendments)” by striking out “.” and inserting in lieu thereof

20 “, and”

- 1        Fourth: In Sec. 25, effective dates, in subsection (b), by adding a
- 2        subdivision (15) to read:
- 3        (15) Sec. 24a (tuition and school closure).