

1 H.194

2 Introduced by Representatives Headrick of Burlington, Carris-Duncan of

3 Whitingham, Chapin of East Montpelier, Logan of Burlington,

4 McCann of Montpelier, and Minier of South Burlington

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Education; State aid for capital construction costs

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
9 any nonemergency school construction project receiving State aid include the
10 creation of a high-capacity, gender-neutral restroom.

11 An act relating to high-capacity, gender-neutral restrooms in schools

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

13 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 3448 is amended to read:

14 § 3448. APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

15 PROJECTS; RENEWABLE ENERGY

16 (a) Construction aid.

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18 (2) Approval of preliminary application.

19 (A) When reviewing a preliminary application for approval, the

20 Secretary shall consider:

1 (i) regional educational opportunities and needs, including school
2 building capacities across school district boundaries, and available
3 infrastructure in neighboring communities;

4 (ii) economic efficiencies;

5 (iii) the suitability of an existing school building to continue to
6 meet educational needs; and

7 (iv) statewide educational initiatives and the strategic plan of the
8 State Board of Education.

9 (B) The Secretary may approve a preliminary application if:

10 (i) the project or part of the project fulfills a need occasioned by:

11 (I) conditions that threaten the health or safety of students or
12 employees;

13 (II) facilities that are inadequate to provide programs required
14 by State or federal law or regulation;

15 (III) excessive energy use resulting from the design of a
16 building or reliance on fossil fuels or electric space heat; or

17 (IV) deterioration of an existing building;

18 (ii) the need addressed by the project cannot reasonably be met by
19 another means; ~~and~~

