

1 H.495

2 SHORT FORM

3 Introduced by Representative Hooper of Randolph

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Education; school districts; school district governance; consolidation;

7 community schools

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
9 consideration of existing regional configurations within the State when  
10 considering drawing consolidated school district boundaries, including  
11 counties, the Vermont Superintendents Association's superintendent regions,  
12 the Vermont School Boards Association's regions, designated agency regions,  
13 career and technical education service regions, planning commission regions,  
14 and transportation maintenance districts, with the goal of encouraging the  
15 creation of community schools, climate resiliency, targeted population growth,  
16 and workforce development within a consolidated school governance system  
17 and a commitment to the State Emergency Management Plan. School district  
18 consolidation would also involve strategic coordination with Vermont State  
19 University. The bill also proposes to define which decisions within a school  
20 district shall be a function of local control at the district and community level  
21 and which decisions shall be made at a higher State level.

1       An act relating to the consideration of consolidated school district  
2       boundaries using existing regional structures

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

4                       (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)