

S.175

Introduced by Senator Watson

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; courses of study; curriculum; climate change; education  
quality standards; State Board of Education

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
Secretary of Education to develop an interdisciplinary climate change  
curriculum as well as require the State Board of Education to update its  
Education Quality Standards rules to require supervisory-union-wide curricula  
to include climate change education.

An act relating to climate change education

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 913 is added to read:

§ 913. CLIMATE CHANGE CURRICULUM

The Secretary shall develop or adopt an open source, accessible, and  
interdisciplinary climate change curriculum for elementary and secondary  
schools consistent with the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate  
Change's 2023 synthesis report. The Secretary shall build upon existing

1 resources in creating the curriculum to enable teaching about climate change  
2 across subject areas.

3 Sec. 2. EDUCATION QUALITY STANDARDS

4 On or before July 1, 2027, and in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, the  
5 State Board of Education shall amend the Agency of Education, State Board  
6 Rule 2000 Education Quality Standards (CVR 22-000-003) to require  
7 supervisory-union-wide curricula to incorporate environmental and climate  
8 change education at all grade levels, consistent with the curriculum developed  
9 by the Secretary of Education pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 913.

10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.