

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 511
3 entitled “An act relating to the admittance of federal immigration authorities
4 into schools” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1484 is amended to read:

8 § 1484. ACCESS CONTROL AND VISITOR MANAGEMENT POLICY

9 (a) Each supervisory union board, member district board, or supervisory
10 district board shall adopt an access control and visitor management policy that,
11 at a minimum, requires the following:

12 (1) That ~~(1) that~~ That all school sites and supervisory union and supervisory
13 district offices lock exterior doors during the school day. ~~The policy shall and~~
14 require that all visitors sign in at a centralized location prior to gaining ~~full~~
15 access to the school or office site. If a school recognizes a need to leave a
16 specific structure unlocked as needed for agricultural, recreational, or other
17 reasonably practical purposes directly related to a school’s mission or
18 curriculum, it may justify leaving that structure unlocked in its visitor policy.

19 (2) That no employee of a school allow a federal immigration authority,
20 as that term is defined in Vermont’s Model Fair and Impartial Policing Policy,
21 access to a nonpublic area of a school, including a classroom, without the

1 authority presenting a judicial warrant to the employee. A federal immigration
2 detainer or other warrant or request from a federal immigration authority shall
3 not constitute a judicial warrant. An employee that denies access to a
4 nonpublic area of a school to a federal law authority because the employee in
5 good faith believes that the authority lacks a judicial warrant shall be immune
6 from any prosecution that may result from the denial of access. The
7 requirement to present a judicial warrant set forth in this subdivision shall not
8 apply to an exigent circumstance unrelated to immigration enforcement.

9 (b) Each approved and recognized independent school shall adopt a written
10 access control and visitor management policy consistent with the requirements
11 in subsection (a) of this section.

12 Sec. 2. MODEL POLICY FOR REGULATING ACCESS TO SCHOOLS

13 The Agency of Education, in coordination with the Office of the Attorney
14 General, shall develop a model policy on the regulation of visitor access to
15 schools in the State that furthers the intent of 16 V.S.A. § 1484. The Agency
16 shall consider the security and privacy of students and staff members in the
17 development of the model policy. The model policy shall be completed on or
18 before December 1, 2025 and be sent to all schools for adoption on or before
19 December 31, 2025.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE