

H.930 - Chronic Absenteeism – Senate Education Committee
April 24, 2026

Sec. 3. PREVENTION OF CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM; AGENCY EDUCATION POLICY; IMPLEMENTATION

(a) On or before March 15, 2027, the Agency of Education shall submit a written update on the efforts made to develop the model policy required pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1124. The Agency shall include the most recent draft model policy and most recent draft templates required to be developed as part of the model policy.

(b) The Agency of Education shall adopt and publish the model policy required pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1124 on or before July 1, 2027.

(c) School boards and the governing bodies of approved independent schools shall adopt and implement a chronic absenteeism policy as required by 16 V.S.A. § 1124 on or before July 1, 2028.

(d) On or before November 15, 2026, the Agency of Education shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Education as to its assessment, as a result of its work with stakeholders in developing its model policy, as to

(1) the root causes of chronic absenteeism, including transportation barriers and homelessness and

(2) school resources needed to address chronic absenteeism, including school counselor and school social worker resources