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2	Introduced by Representatives Davis of Washington, Branagan of Georgia,
3	Moran of Wardsboro, Strong of Albany, and Zagar of Barnard
4	Referred to Committee on
5	Date:
6	Subject: Education; school districts; supervisory unions
7	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to state that it is
8	state policy to preserve and encourage local control of the public education
9	system, including decisions regarding consolidation. The bill would also allow
10	an individual district to determine whether it would perform duties that are
11	currently required of supervisory unions.
12 13	An act relating to local control of the public education system and to the relative powers of school districts and supervisory unions
14	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
15	Sec. 1. POLICY; AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS
16	It is the policy of the State of Vermont that:
17	(1) local governance and control of the public education system should
18	be preserved and encouraged;
19	(2) the consolidation of school districts, their assets, or their operations
20	should result from the voluntary action of local communities; and

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1	(3) school districts retain their authority to enter into interdistrict
2	contracts to consolidate or share district assets or operations without the need
3	to explore merger under Secs. 2-4 of 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, as
4	amended, relating to the formation of regional education districts or under
5	16 V.S.A. chapter 11, relating to the formation of union school districts in
6	general.
7	Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 261a(a) is amended to read:
8	(a) Duties. The Except if the board of a member school district votes to
9	perform the action on its own behalf, the board of each supervisory union
10	shall:
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12	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
13	This act shall take effect on passage.