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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Stone of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall,
Brady of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Brown of Richmond,
Buss of Woodstock, McCann of Montpelier, Minier of South
Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, and
Williams of Granby

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; harassment, hazing, and bullying

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
definition of harassment under 16 V.S.A. § 11(a)(26) and the corresponding
policies and procedures required under 16 V.S.A. chapter 9, subchapter 5, so as
to not require a finding that conduct need be severe or pervasive to constitute
harassment. This bill also proposes to increase staffing and funding for the
Agency of Education to hear and investigate complaints of harassment, hazing,
and bullying, as well as to coordinate mandatory anti-harassment, hazing, and
bullying training on a regional level through Vermont public and independent
schools.

20 An act relating to harassment, hazing, and bullying in schools

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

2 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)