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2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; harassment; school choice

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize school choice for
7 students who have been subject to harassment.

8 An act relating to school choice for students who have been subject to
9 harassment

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

11 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 14(d) is added to read:

12 (d) In addition to the process outlined in subsection (b) of this section, an
13 alleged victim attending an elementary or secondary school may file an
14 affidavit with the Vermont human rights commission, outlining the alleged
15 harassing conduct. Within 14 days of receiving the affidavit, the commission
16 shall investigate the allegations and issue its findings and conclusions. If the
17 commission determines that a preponderance of the evidence supports the
18 victim's claims and that it is not in the victim's best interest to continue
19 attending the school at which the harassment occurred, then, at the victim's

- 1 request, the school shall arrange for tuition to be paid to a school of the
- 2 victim's choice.