

1 S.84

2 Introduced by Senator Ram

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; exclusionary discipline; truancy; referral to State's

6 Attorneys

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
8 expulsion of a student who is under eight years of age from a school and to
9 require a report to the General Assembly of school district truancy referrals to
10 the State's Attorneys.

11 An act relating to the use of exclusionary discipline for students who are
12 under eight years of age and to school district truancy referrals to the State's
13 Attorneys

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

15 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1162 is amended to read:

16 § 1162. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

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18 (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, a student who
19 is under eight years of age shall not be expelled from a school.

1 Sec. 2. REFERRALS OF TRUANCY TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS

2 (a) On or before September 1, 2021, each school district shall report to the
3 Agency of Education the number of cases referred by the district or its staff to
4 a State's Attorney for truancy, what mitigation techniques were used by the
5 district to engage with families prior to each referral, and the result of each
6 referral.

7 (b) On or before December 15, 2021, the Agency of Education shall collate
8 the reports from school districts and report the results to the General Assembly.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.