

1 S.112

2 Introduced by Senator Racine

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; professional educators; licensing; African American
6 history

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require each applicant seeking to
8 obtain or renew a license to teach in a public elementary or secondary school
9 in Vermont to have completed at least one three-credit course at an accredited
10 college or university in African American history, covering the period from the
11 European colonization of North America through the end of the twentieth
12 century.

13 An act relating to requiring postsecondary credits in African American
14 history as a condition of teacher licensing

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

16 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1696(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) Qualifications of applicants. An applicant shall submit to the
18 commissioner evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant;

19 (1) either has completed all requirements of an approved educator
20 preparation program or has otherwise acquired the knowledge and skills

1 required for a license through coursework and experiences apart from an
2 approved educator preparation program; and
3 (2) completed at least one three-credit course at an accredited college or
4 university in African American history, covering the period from the European
5 colonization of North America through the end of the twentieth century.