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2 Representatives Sibia of Dover, Gannon of Wilmington, and Olsen of
3 Londonderry move that the House Proposal of Amendment on Senate Bill No.
4 130 entitled “An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education
5 laws” be amended by striking out Sec. 16 (Education Weighting Study
6 Committee) in its entirety, with its reader assistance, and inserting in lieu
7 thereof a new Sec. 16, with reader assistance, to read:

8 * * * Education Weighting Report * * *

9 Sec. 16. EDUCATION WEIGHTING REPORT

10 (a) The Agency of Education, the Joint Fiscal Office, and the Office of
11 Legislative Council, in consultation with the Secretary of Human Services, the
12 Vermont Superintendent’s Association, the Vermont School Boards
13 Association, and the Vermont National Education Association, shall consider
14 and make recommendations on the criteria used for determining weighted
15 long-term membership of a school district under 16 V.S.A. § 4010, including
16 the following.

17 (1) The current weighting factors and any supporting evidence or basis
18 in the historical record for these factors.

19 (2) The relationship between each of the current weighting factors and
20 the quality and equity of educational outcomes for students.

1 (3) Whether any of the weighting factors, including the weighting
2 factors for students from economically deprived backgrounds and for students
3 for whom English is not the primary language, should be modified, and if so,
4 how the weighting factors should be modified and if the modification would
5 further the quality and equity of educational outcomes for students.

6 (4) Whether to add any weighting factors, including a school district
7 population density factor, and if so, why the weighting factor should be added
8 and if the weighting factor would further the quality and equity of educational
9 outcomes for students. In considering whether to recommend the addition of a
10 school district population density factor, the Agency of Education shall
11 consider the practices of other states, information from the National Council
12 for State Legislatures, and research conducted by higher education institutions
13 working on identifying rural or urban education financing factors.

14 (b) In addition to considering and making recommendations on the criteria
15 used for the determining weighted long-term membership of a school district
16 under subsection (a) of this section, the Agency of Education may consider and
17 make recommendations on other methods that would further the quality and
18 equity of educational outcomes for students.

19 (c) Report. On or before December 15, 2017, the Agency of Education
20 shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on

- 1 Education, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate
- 2 Committee on Finance with its findings and any recommendations.