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Representative Scheuermann of Stowe moves that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 23 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 23 to read:

Sec. 23. EDUCATION REFORM

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to replace the education funding system currently in law with a new system of education financing for fiscal year 2017 and budgets voted for the 2017–2018 school year. The new system would focus on:

(1) creating an equitable, fair, less-complex funding system that ensures substantially equal educational opportunities;

(2) continuing to improve and expand educational opportunities for students; and

(3) reconnecting taxpayers with budgets voted upon, money spent, and property tax rates.

(b) In order to achieve the goal in subsection (a) of this section:

(1) 32 V.S.A. chapter 135 is repealed on July 1, 2016.

(2) 32 V.S.A. chapter 154 is repealed on July 1, 2016.