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Introduced by Representatives Botzow of Pownal and Marcotte of Coventry

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; transportation; school districts

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a school district, with the consent of its supervisory union, to be responsible for providing school transportation services for the district.

An act relating to responsibility for providing transportation services

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 261a is amended to read:

§ 261a. DUTIES OF SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD

(a) Duties. The board of each supervisory union shall:

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(8) Provide the following services for the benefit of member districts in a manner that promotes the efficient use of financial and human resources, which shall be provided pursuant to joint agreements under section 267 of this title whenever feasible; provided, however, if a supervisory union determines that services would be provided more efficiently and effectively in another

1 manner, then it may ask the Secretary to grant it a waiver from this
2 subdivision:

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4 (E) provide transportation or arrange for the provision of
5 transportation, or both in any districts in which it is offered within the
6 supervisory union;

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8 (d) Transportation. Notwithstanding the obligation of a supervisory union
9 to provide transportation or arrange for the provision of transportation, or both,
10 in any districts in which it is offered within the supervisory union as set forth
11 in subdivision (a)(8)(E) of this section, a school district shall be permitted to
12 assume responsibility for the provision of transportation services for the
13 district if the following conditions are met:

14 (1) the board of the supervisory union for the district providing
15 transportation services, and the board of the district providing transportation
16 services, consents;

17 (2) the expenses are paid by the district providing transportation
18 services;

19 (3) the district providing transportation services reimburses the
20 supervisory union for any increase in transportation costs incurred by the

1 supervisory union or other districts within the supervisory union as a result of
2 the district providing transportation services; and

3 (4) any reimbursement of transportation costs paid pursuant to Sec. 4016
4 of this title are limited to an amount that does not exceed the amount that
5 would have been reimbursed in the event that the supervisory union provided
6 or arranged for the provision of transportation services, and such amount is
7 allocated among the supervisory union and its districts in an amount and in a
8 manner as if the supervisory union provided or arranged for the provision of
9 transportation services.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.