

No. 48. An act relating to making miscellaneous technical and other amendments to education laws.

(H.480)

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

* * * Elementary Education; Prekindergarten * * *

Sec. 10. PREKINDERGARTEN-16 COUNCIL; EXPANDED LEARNING

OPPORTUNITIES WORKING GROUP; GRANT PROGRAM

(a) The Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Working Group of the Prekindergarten-16 Council, established in 16 V.S.A. § 2905, shall develop recommendations for the Secretary of Education relating to the design and implementation of an Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Program that would award grants for the purpose of increasing access to expanded learning opportunities throughout Vermont.

(b) The ELO Working Group, in collaboration with the Secretary of Education, shall identify and solicit grants, donations, and contributions from any private or public source for the purposes of funding an Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Program (Program) or otherwise increasing access to expanded learning opportunities throughout Vermont. Any funds accepted under this subsection shall be deposited in the Vermont Expanded Learning Opportunities Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2906.

(c) On or before November 15, 2015, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the ELO Working Group, shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations on the

recommendations for creating the Grant Program described in subsection (a) of this section and on any funding secured for the Vermont Expanded Learning Opportunities Special Fund.

Sec. 11. VERMONT EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL FUND; DISBURSEMENTS

No funds shall be disbursed from the Vermont Expanded Learning Opportunities Special Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 2906, until the General Assembly enacts legislation establishing a framework for awarding grants under the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Program, pursuant to the recommendations of the Secretary of Education and the ELO Working Group as described in Sec. 10 of this act.

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Secs. 1–7 shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(b) Sec. 8 (16 V.S.A. § 2172(d)) shall take effect on July 16, 2015.

(c) This section and Secs. 9–11 shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: June 3, 2015