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An act relating to providing access to publicly funded prekindergarten education

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 16 V.S.A. § 829, subsection (e), subdivision (10), in the first sentence, after the word “monitor” by inserting the words and evaluate and in the third sentence, by striking out the word “assess” and inserting in lieu thereof the word evaluate and in subsection (e), by striking out subdivision (12) (Head Start) in its entirety

Second: In Sec. 3, subsection (a), in the first sentence, by striking out the year “2015” and inserting in lieu thereof the year 2016 and in subsection (b), by striking out the following: “2015, 2016, and 2017” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 2016, 2017, and 2018

Third: By inserting a new section to be Sec. 3b to read as follows:

Sec. 3b. PREKINDERGARTEN REGIONS; PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The Agencies of Education and of Human Services, in consultation with the Vermont Superintendents Association, the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Principals’ Association, the Vermont-NEA, and the Building Bright Futures Council created in 33 V.S.A. chapter 46, shall develop a detailed proposal outlining the process and criteria by which the Agencies will determine the prekindergarten region of a school district if requested to do

so pursuant to Sec. 1, 16 V.S.A. § 829(h)(2), of this act. The Agencies shall present the proposal to the House and Senate Committees on Education on or before January 15, 2015. The Agencies shall also present any recommendations for amendments to statute, including repeal of or amendments to subsection (h).

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 5 (effective date) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read:

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage and shall apply to enrollments on July 1, 2015 and after.