

H. 876 – Miscellaneous Ed
House / Senate
(5/9/14) DRAFT!

Sec.	House	Senate
1-7	makes technical changes primarily regarding the term: “education quality standards (EQS)”	
8-9	authorizes Secretary of Ed to enter into interstate agreements re: online postsecondary degree programs	adds nondegree-granting and noncredit-granting programs” to both Secs.
10-11	out-of-state child placed in VT child awaiting adoption: (10) clarifies residency; (11) names as state-placed child	strikes out Sec. 10 (alternative solutions; only need one; keeping both may cause confusion)
12-28	makes miscellaneous technical corrections to chapter concerning career technical education centers	Sec 19: reinserts omitted words “employees and of” from the advisory board strikes out Sec. 23 (b) – continue to permit a student enrolled in a CTE center to enroll in the host HS if his/her own HS doesn’t provide transportation
29	VT resident undergrads at UVM don’t pay more than 40% of out-of-state tuition; medical school students always have been excluded – Sec. 29 now excludes all other graduate programs (grandfathers)	replace entirely with simplified language
30	makes miscellaneous technical and updating changes to statute re: educational support teams	reinserts omitted words “and educational support team” strikes out phrase “and intensive, individualized interventions for any student requiring a higher level of support”

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31	removes from statute divided vote – law no longer in effect – related section in Repeals Sec. 35	
32	repeals 2006 sentence prohibiting designation of public school, because designation of public school was explicitly permitted elsewhere in statute in 2009	
33	district spending adjustment – removes alternative method of calculation	
34	Expanded Learning Opportunities: PreK-16 Council study	replaces entirely so can include Governor’s Institute’s language
35	Repeal: (1) sight and hearing testing equipment (2) CTE (that was moved to another section) (3) exception to divided vote calculation (Sec. 31)	
36	returns annual district audit requirement to the three year requirement from several years ago	strikes out Sec. 36 (so requirement for annual school district audits remains in law)
37		dual enrollment – explicitly authorizes public funding for private pay students at sectarian and non-sectarian approved independent schools
38		creates a Technology; Innovation in Education Task Force (based on House Bill H.826)
39–40		Privatization of Public Schools – 2 year moratorium and study (S.91 as passed by Senate)
41		allows student to remain enrolled in original school if moves mid-year (S.175 as passed by Senate)

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42		principals; nonrenewal of contract (S. 304 as passed by Senate – but changes 30 to 90 days)
43		creates Physical Education and Nutrition Task Force
44		Intent for following Secs: Enhanced Opportunity and Efficiency
45-51		<p>SU / District Responsibilities</p> <p><u>Sec. 45:</u> <i>SU Board</i> – moves existing policy-making duties currently in § 261a into new, separate <i>SU Board</i> section (§ 268) and clarifies language</p> <p><u>Sec. 46:</u> <i>SU</i> – moves existing non-policy-making duties currently in § 261a into a new, separate <i>SU</i> section (§ 269) and clarifies language including adding heading that <i>SU</i> has “sole” authority to perform duties; explicitly mentions duty to purchase textbooks</p> <p><u>Sec. 46a:</u> provides waivers for some duties</p> <p><u>Sec. 46b:</u> waivers sunset on July 1, 2019</p> <p><u>Sec. 47:</u> <i>Hire Superintendent</i> – moves existing § 241 (permitting <i>SUs</i> to hire a superintendent) into <i>SU</i> chapter by redesignating it as § 270</p>

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		<p><u>Sec. 48: <i>Superintendents</i></u> – moves some existing non-policy-making duties currently in § 261a into superintendents duties (existing § 242); moves § 242 to SU chapter by redesignating it as § 271</p> <p><u>Sec. 49: <i>Internal Financial Controls</i></u> – moves existing § 241a (internal financial controls) into SU chapter by redesignating it as § 272</p> <p><u>Sec. 50: <i>School Districts</i></u> – amends current broad authority in two places with a reference to “except for duties solely within SU’s authority;” removes responsibility provide textbooks (moved to SU above)</p> <p><u>Sec. 50a and Sec. 50b:</u> ensures that 2013 transition language for SpEd and transportation employees moving to SU employment continues despite redesignating and generally rewriting the statutory section re: SU duties</p> <p><u>Sec. 51:</u> repeals § 261a (moved to different locations)</p>

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52–54		<p>SU Service Regions; Cooperation with Other SUs for Certain Duties</p> <p><u>Sec. 52</u>: SBE establishes SU Service Regions (no governance change) after consultation with SUs</p> <p><u>Sec. 53</u>: SUs required to cooperate within regions for certain duties; provides exceptions if Secretary determines more costly</p> <p><u>Sec. 54</u>: makes related technical change</p>
54a		<p>Supervisory Unions; Merger Plans</p> <p>SUs enter into discussions before April 1, 2015 with other SUs regarding possible merger</p>
55–61		<p>Voluntary Mergers</p> <p><u>Sec. 55</u>: RED incentives available if approved by electorate by July 2017</p> <p><u>Sec. 56</u>: ADM reduced from 1,250 to 1,000 for RED merger</p>

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		<p><u>Sec. 57</u>: RED incentive increased to between \$150K and \$500K at Secretary’s discretion based on projected post-merger savings; also does not subtract reimbursement grant from it (MUUSD at \$150K)</p> <p><u>Sec. 58</u>: 50% incentives if approved by electorate 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2019 - including can be between \$75K and \$250K at Secretary’s discretion based on projected post-merger (MUUSD at \$75K)</p> <p><u>Sec. 59</u>: small school support grant per RED incentives continues despite H.889 (geographic necessity)</p> <p><u>Sec. 60</u>: expedited process for voting on RED on which electorate already voted</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SU Mergers</i></p> <p><u>Sec. 60a</u>: increasing current repayment of SU merger planning costs from \$20K to \$40 K and don’t have to subtract them from Sec. 60b incentive grant <i>AND</i> extending reimbursement incentives at 50% between 7/1/2017 and 6/30/2019</p>

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		<p><u>Sec. 60b</u>: increasing current incentive grant for successful SU merger of \$150K so grant is between \$150K and \$750K AND extending reimbursement incentives at 50% between 7/1/2017 and 6/30/2019</p> <p><u>Sec. 61</u>: RED formation – AOE assistance</p>
62–64a		<p>Appropriations; Positions – REDs and other work with districts and SUs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Common Chart of Accounts</i></p> <p><u>Sec. 62</u>:</p> <p>(a) requires integrated statewide accounting and student data mgmt. systems by 7/1/16 (b) creates one 3-year limited service analyst position in AOE (c) appropriates \$1.5M of which \$500K may be used in FY15 (d) districts must comply by 7/1/17 (e) AOE reports regularly (f) AOE reports in 1/15 with plan for transitioning districts to system and cost estimate for providing financial assistance</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>REDs and Other Joint Activity of Districts and SUs</i></p> <p><u>Sec. 63:</u> Positions for three years, authorizes 2 limited service analyst positions in AOE to help districts with RED process and help SUs with SU service regions and with explorations of merger</p> <p><u>Sec. 64:</u> Appropriations (a) uses \$329K in unexpended money appropriated for incentives to pay incentives in FY15 (b) reserves \$5M from Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund for purposes of incentives and 2 analysts in Sec. 63 \$175,500 may be expended in FY15 for analysts</p> <p><u>Sec. 64a:</u> Requires Secretary of AOE to determine ways to use school construction aid to encourage REDs and other joint activity</p>
65		Special Ed Expenditure Pilot Program
65a		Public HS Choice – tuition recommendations from Secretary that are fair to sending and receiving districts
65b		Request that Council on Rural Development will hold public engagement meetings

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	<p>Effective Dates –on passage (<i>grandfathers Sec. 29 for students already enrolled</i>)</p>	<p><i>Secs. 45–51 (SU / District Duties)</i> * takes effect 7/1/2014 * applies on passage * but compliance penalty applies to noncompliance on 7/1/2015 and after</p> <p><i>Secs. 52–54(SU Service Regions):</i> * takes effect 7/1/2014 * applies 2016-2017 academic year and after</p>