

1 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 4010(f) is amended to read:

2 (f) For purposes of the calculation under this section, a for districts that
3 have a student to teacher ratio in the prior year of 15 to 1 or greater, the
4 district's equalized pupils shall in no case be less than 96 and one-half percent
5 of the district's equalized pupils in the previous year, and for districts that have
6 a student to teacher ratio in the prior year of less than 15 to 1, the district's
7 equalized pupils shall in no case be less than 95 percent of the district's
8 equalized pupils in the previous year. The ratio shall be calculated using the
9 number of actual students enrolled in a district and the number of full-time
10 equivalent teachers in general education classes. For purposes of the ratio:

11 (1) “Teacher” means any person licensed to be employable as a teacher
12 who is employed as a teacher and is providing direct instruction, as defined by
13 the Agency, to students in one or more elementary or secondary grades.

14 (2) For purposes of elementary grades, “teacher” does not mean a
15 person who is primarily or exclusively employed to provide instruction in art,
16 music, physical education, or foreign languages or to provide special education
17 services.

18 (3) For purposes of secondary grades, “teacher” means a person who is
19 primarily or exclusively employed to provide instruction in foreign languages,
20 language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, and would not include
21 a person who is primarily or exclusively employed to provide instruction in

1 any other area, including art, music, physical education, career technical
2 education, and driver education, or to provide special education services.

3 Sec. 2. REPEAL

4 16 V.S.A. § 4010(f) is repealed on July 1, 2021.

5 Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE

6 Sec. 1 and 2 shall take effect July 1, 2014; provided that Sec. 1 shall apply
7 to fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2021.