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Expanded Learning Work Group
(potentially to be included in DR14-640 Misc Ed)

Sec. __. WORKING GROUP ON EQUITY AND ACCESS IN
EXPANDED LEARNING TIME; REPORT

(a) Creation. The Prekindergarten-16 Council shall create a working group to review and evaluate issues of equity in and access to Vermont’s expanded learning programs, including afterschool and summer programs. In particular, the Working Group shall identify:

(1) ways to increase connections between schools and afterschool and summer learning programs;

(2) ways to coordinate school-run programs and programs sponsored by community-based organizations;

(3) areas of the State with limited or inequitable access to expanded learning programs and the barriers to operating programs in those areas;

(4) the key elements of afterschool and summer learning programs that should be encouraged by State policy decisions in order to:

(A) ensure that programs are of the highest quality;

(B) contribute to more effective school-year approaches to educating underserved learners in Vermont;

1 (C) determine how a more comprehensive statewide strategy to
2 promote high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs could be
3 implemented over time;

4 (D) consider how changes to the school calendar may affect time
5 available for learning; and

6 (E) identify how best to coordinate and augment existing funding
7 streams for afterschool and summer learning programs.

8 (b) Report. On or before December 31, 2014, the Working Group shall
9 report to the House and Senate Committees on Education with its findings and
10 any recommendations for legislative action.