

Topic	Summary (location in statute)	AOE Point Person/Team
EQS Changes to Title 16	VSA 165 (a) "School Quality Standards" to "Education Quality Standards" (1) "comprehensive action plan" to "continuous improvement plan". Etc.	Jill Remick
Online Postsecondary Degree Programs	Postsecondary authorization issue (related to 16 VSA §176 and §176a): New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) and Vermont State Colleges (VSC) are working with us to determine what changes need to be made to our statutes to authorize the Secretary to enter into a new State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) for online postsecondary degree programs. We know some degree of changes will be required. For example, the state must designate a primary administrative authority for SARA, we must adopt a standard definition of "physical presence" (which is different than our current one), and there is a fee structure to consider. There are other issues as well.	Cathy Hilgendorf
Residency of students in placements from out of state (awaiting adoption)	Current residency statutes exclude kids placed in Vermont from other states. Also schools cannot count them as state-placed in their enrollment. Therefore, Vermont schools must bill other states for the services these students receive, which are often high-needs. This is problematic for schools, for the students, for Department for Children and Families, and makes Vermont "not adoption friendly", as these kids are often placed while awaiting adoption. 1075(a)(1)(B) Amend 16 VSA §1075 [residency statute] to count these students as residents.	Deborah Quackenbush; Michael Mulcahy
Outdated language for sight and hearing testing	Repeal 16 VSA § 1421. No new language is needed as it already exists in 16 VSA § 1422. Equipment. Proposed changes by Vermont Department of Health.	Jill Remick; Dawn Philbert at VDH
CTE Technical Corrections to Language in 16 VSA Ch. 37	<i>Many addressed in H.524</i>	Jay Ramsay
Educational Support Teams Language	Multi-tiered System of Supports updated language.	Karin Edwards