

**Miscellaneous Ed
H. 876 – Secs. 44–66
SEC & SFC Proposals of Amendment (5/6/14)**

Senate Ed Secs (SEC pages)	Potential Amendments (SFC pages)	Topic
44 (pp. 17–18)	44 (pp. 1–2)	<p>Intent; Enhanced Opportunity and Efficiency</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #1: adds (b) stating intent to move to PreK-12 system</p>
	44a (p. 2)	<p>SFC PROPOSAL #2: amends 16 V.S.A. § 1 (equal educational opportunity) to reference PreK-12</p>
45–51 (pp. 18–25)	45 (p. 3)	<p>SU Board; SU; Superintendent; and School 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>SFC PROPOSAL #3: clarifies SEC language that maintains current option to hire a superintendent</p>
	46a–46b (pp. 3–4)	<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 SU has “sole” authority; explicitly mentions duty to purchase textbooks; keeps waivers</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #4: removes “(d) waivers” from Sec. 46, but adds new Sec. 46a providing waivers that sunsets on July 1, 2019 per Sec. 46b</p>
	<i>OK</i>	<p><u>Sec. 47:</u> <i>Hire Superintendent</i> – moves existing § 241 (permitting SUs to hire a superintendent) into SU chapter by redesignating it as § 270</p>

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	<p><i>OK</i></p> <p><i>OK</i></p> <p><i>OK</i></p> <p>50a (pp. 4–5)</p> <p><i>OK</i></p>	<p><u>Sec. 48: Superintendents</u> – moves some existing non-policy-making duties currently in § 261a into superintendents existing § 242; moves § 242 to SU chapter by redesignating it as § 271</p> <p><u>Sec. 49: Internal Financial Controls</u> – moves existing § 241a (internal financial controls) into SU chapter by redesignating it as § 272</p> <p><u>Sec. 50: School Districts</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>SFC PROPOSAL #5: adds new Sec. 50a imposing financial penalty on districts that perform duties assigned to SU (noncompliance after 6/30/2015)</p> <p><u>Sec. 51:</u> repeals § 261a (moved to different locations)</p>
<p>52–54 (pp. 25–27)</p>	<p><i>OK</i></p> <p>53 (pp. 5–6)</p>	<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 for (1) REDs; (2) SUs with waivers (Sec. 46); and (3) if Secretary determines more costly</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #6: removes first 2 exceptions</p>

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	OK	Sec. 54: makes related technical change
54a (p. 27)	54a (p. 6)	<p>Supervisory Unions; Merger Plans</p> <p>SUs enter into discussions before April 1, 2015 with other SUs regarding possible merger</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #7: Amends so that all SUS must eventually merge with another SU or explain to SBE’s satisfaction why it’s impossible to do so; authorizes SBE to facilitate meetings if SU cannot find neighboring SU that is willing to explore potential merger with it</p>
55–61 (pp. 27–37)	<p>55 (p. 7) OK</p> <p>57 (pp. 7–9)</p> <p>58 (pp. 9–10)</p>	<p>Voluntary Mergers</p> <p>Sec. 55: RED incentives available if approved by electorate by July 2017</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #8: makes technical correction – “prior to” July 1, 2017 (not “on or before”)</p> <p>Sec. 56: ADM reduced from 1,250 to 1,000 for RED merger</p> <p>Sec. 57: RED incentive increased from \$150K to \$500K (except MUUSD at \$150K)</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #9: amends Sec. 57 so incentive is 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>Sec. 58: 50% incentives for RED approved by electorate 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2019</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #10: amends Sec. 58(e) and (g) so incentive can be between \$75K and \$250K at Secretary’s discretion based on projected post-merger (MUUSD at \$75K)</p>

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	<p><i>OK</i></p> <p><i>OK</i></p> <p>60a (pp. 10–11)</p> <p>60b (pp. 11–12)</p> <p><i>OK</i></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>SFC PROPOSAL #11: adds new Sec. 60a 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> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #11: adds new Sec. 60b increasing current incentive grant for successful SU merger of \$150K so grant is between \$150K and \$750K <i>AND</i> extending reimbursement incentives at 50% for SU mergers approved between 7/1/2017 and 6/30/2019</p> <p><u>Sec. 61</u>: RED formation – AOE assistance</p>
<p>62–64 (pp. 37–38)</p>	<p>62 (pp. 12–13)</p> <p><i>OK</i></p> <p><i>OK</i></p>	<p>Appropriations; Positions</p> <p><u>Sec. 62</u>: authorizes 2 analyst positions in AOE to help districts with RED process</p> <p>SFC PROPOSAL #12: adds that analysts will also help SUs with SU service regions and with explorations of merger</p> <p><u>Sec. 63</u>: Appropriations</p> <p><u>Sec. 64</u>: Appropriations & positions in addition to those in H.889</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">65 (pp. 13–14)</p>	<p>PROPOSAL #13: <u>Sec. 65</u>: Special Ed Expenditure Pilot Program</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">65 (p. 38–39)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">66 (pp. 14–15)</p>	<p>Effective Dates – most on passage (<i>grandfathers Sec. 29 for students already enrolled</i>)</p> <p>Secs. 45–51 (SU / district duties): takes effect 7/1/2014 <u>SEC</u>: applies 2015-2016 academic year and after <u>SFC</u>: applies on passage but compliance penalty applies to noncompliance on 7/1/2015 and after Secs. 52–54 (SU Service Regions): takes effect 7/1/2014 and applies 2016-2017 academic year and after</p>