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Sec. 34 – Governor’s Institutes’ Recommendations

(proposed additions in yellow)

Sec. 34. WORKING GROUP ON EQUITY AND ACCESS IN
EXPANDED LEARNING TIME; REPORT

(a) Creation. The Prekindergarten-16 Council shall create a working group from among its membership to review and evaluate issues of equity in and access to Vermont’s expanded learning programs, including afterschool and summer programs. **The Working Group shall obtain testimony from existing providers of extended learning programs, including the Governor’s Institutes of Vermont and the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps.** 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 **and statewide** organizations;

(3) areas of the State with limited or inequitable access to expanded learning programs, **models successfully serving populations in those areas,** 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:

- 1 (A) ensure that programs are of the highest quality;
- 2 (B) contribute to more effective school-year approaches to educating
3 underserved learners in Vermont **and provide program content that**
4 **reflects Vermont’s educational and workforce development priorities;**
- 5 (C) determine how a more comprehensive statewide strategy to
6 promote high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs could be
7 implemented over time;
- 8 (D) consider how changes to the school calendar may affect time
9 available for learning; and
- 10 (E) identify how best to coordinate and augment existing funding
11 streams for afterschool and summer learning programs **and ensure that**
12 **programs are cost-effective, effective in reaching and producing**
13 **outcomes for targeted populations, and non-duplicative.**
- 14 (b) Report. On or before December 31, 2014, the Working Group shall
15 report to the House and Senate Committees on Education with its findings and
16 any recommendations for legislative action.