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H.883 – **Board Structure**

Representatives Toleno of Brattleboro, Conquest of Newbury, and Stevens of Shoreham move that the bill be amended _____:

() (1) Each new district shall be governed by no more than one elected district school board. The electorate of each town within the district shall elect one member to serve on the board. The remaining members shall be elected at-large. The board shall have no more than 18 members. The school board shall:

(A) prepare and present a proposed district budget to the electorate for approval;

(B) establish educational policy for the district;

(C) negotiate districtwide contracts and employ all licensed and nonlicensed personnel within the district;

(D) employ, evaluate, supervise, and dismiss a superintendent; and

(E) perform other functions and exercise general powers consistent with those given to the legislative branch of a municipality.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, a district may adopt articles of agreement establishing an alternative governance structure consisting of one district school board and one board in each town within the district. Each school board shall select one of its members to serve on the district board and the remaining members shall be elected at-large. A district

1 board shall have no more than 18 members. A district board shall have the
2 same authority and responsibilities as set forth in subdivision (1) of this
3 subsection, except as specifically limited by the following authority and
4 responsibilities reserved for local boards, which shall:

5 (A) employ, evaluate, supervise, and dismiss all principals of schools
6 located within the town;

7 (B) support the development of each principal's school-based
8 leadership role by working collaboratively with the principal to achieve the
9 goals established by the district board and superintendent;

10 (C) solicit comments and encourage dialogue regarding school
11 climate, particularly as it relates to bullying, and develop and adopt school
12 policies or make policy recommendations to the district board, or both;

13 (D) oversee the creation and implementation of school improvement
14 plans;

15 (E) review and provide guidance to the district board regarding
16 districtwide policies;

17 (F) review and provide guidance to the district board regarding the
18 creation of proposed school-based budgets as a component of the districtwide
19 budget;

20 (G) support parent-teacher organizations and other school-based
21 committees or councils;

- 1 (H) support curriculum evaluation and implementation at the school
- 2 level; and
- 3 (I) support the work of the district board and serve as a liaison
- 4 between the school or schools located in the town and that board.