1	Potential Education policy Provisions
2	(Secs 1-7 from draft 3.1)
3	SHOWING DIFFERENCES from current law:
4	regular type = identical or nearly identical language
5	highlight = new responsibility OR newly assigned to entity
6	<i>italics</i> = rewritten but substantially the same (stated more clearly/directly)
7	[bracketed bold italics] = current entity with responsibility OR a note
8	* * * Responsibilities of Supervisory Union Boards, Supervisory Unions;
9	Superintendents, and School Districts * * *
10	Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 268 is added to read:
11	§ 268. DUTIES OF A SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD
12	A supervisory union board shall:
13	(1) adopt supervisory union policies, including truancy policies that are
14	consistent with model protocols developed by the Secretary;
15	(2) adopt a supervisory union-wide curriculum that meets the
16	requirements adopted by the State Board under subdivision 165(a)(3)(B) of
17	this title, by either developing the curriculum or directing the superintendent to
18	assist the member districts to develop it jointly;
19	(3) on or before June 30 of each year, adopt a supervisory union budget
20	for the ensuing school year;

1	(4) employ a superintendent pursuant to the provisions of section 270
2	[current § 241] of this title and evaluate and oversee the performance of the
3	superintendent; [currently optional to employ; evaluation & oversight implied]
4	(5) employ all licensed and nonlicensed employees of the supervisory
5	union pursuant to the provisions of section 271 [current § 242] of this title,
6	including a person or persons qualified to provide financial and student data
7	management services for the supervisory union and the member districts;
8	[ability to employ staff implied]
9	(6) negotiate with the licensed employees of the supervisory union and
10	school districts, pursuant to chapter 57 of this title, and with other school
11	personnel, pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 22, at the supervisory union level;
12	provided that
13	(i) contract terms may vary by district; and
14	(ii) contracts may include terms facilitating arrangements between
15	or among districts to share the services of teachers, administrators, and other
16	school personnel;
17	(7) pursuant to criteria established by the State Board, establish and
18	direct the superintendent to implement a plan for receiving and disbursing
19	federal and State funds distributed by the Agency, including funds awarded
20	under P.L. 89-10, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as
21	amended.

1	Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 269 is added to read:
2	§ 269. DUTIES OF A SUPERVISORY UNION
3	[Note: current law assigns each of the following duties to the SU Board –
4	not to the SU itself – $except$ as otherwise indicated below]
5	(a) A supervisory union shall have sole responsibility to:
6	(1) provide professional development programs or arrange for the
7	provision of them, or both, for teachers, administrators, and staff within the
8	supervisory union, which may include programs offered solely to one school or
9	other component of the entire supervisory union to meet the specific needs or
10	interests of that component; a supervisory union has the discretion to provide
11	financial assistance outside the negotiated agreements for teachers'
12	professional development activities; [removes waiver]
13	(2) provide special education services on behalf of the member districts
14	and, except as provided in section 144b of this title, compensatory and
15	remedial services, and provide or coordinate the provision of other educational
16	services as directed by the State Board or local boards; [removes waiver]
17	(3) provide all financial and student data management services on behalf
18	of the member districts and serve as the districts' business office and human
19	<u>resources office;</u> [removes waiver]

1	(4) provide transportation or contract for the provision of transportation,
2	or both in any districts in which it is offered within the supervisory union;
3	[removes waiver]
4	(5) procure and distribute all goods and operational services used by the
5	member districts, including office and classroom supplies and equipment,
6	textbooks, and cleaning materials and services;
7	[removes waiver]
8	[textbooks = district]
9	[building equipment and cleaning = district primarily]
10	(6) manage all real property owned or leased by the member school
11	districts and keep the buildings and grounds in good repair, suitably equipped,
12	and in a sanitary condition; and [district primarily]
13	(7) manage all construction projects within the supervisory union.
14	(b) A supervisory union shall submit to the board of each member school
15	district, on or before January 15 of each year, a summary report of financial
16	operations of the supervisory union for the preceding school year, an estimate
17	of its financial operations for the current school year, and a preliminary budget
18	for the supervisory union for the ensuing school year. This requirement shall
19	not apply to a supervisory district. For each school year, the report shall show
20	the actual or estimated amount expended by the supervisory union for special
21	education services, including:

1	(A) a breakdown of that figure showing the amount paid by each
2	school district within the supervisory union; and
3	(B) a summary of the services provided by the supervisory union's
4	use of the expended funds;
5	(c) A supervisory union may provide other appropriate services if requested
6	by a member district, including grant writing and fundraising.
7	Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 241 is redesignated and amended to read:
8	§ 241 270. APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT
9	(a) Each supervisory union or supervisory district board, with the advice of
10	the commissioner, may shall employ a superintendent of schools.
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12	Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 242 is redesignated and amended to read:
13	§ 242 271. DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS
14	The superintendent shall be the chief executive officer for the supervisory
15	union board and for each school board within the supervisory union, and shall:
16	* * *
17	(6) arrange for the provision of the professional training required in
18	subsection 561(b) of this title; and
19	(7)(A) ensure implementation of the supervisory union-wide curriculum
20	adopted by the supervisory union board; [SU Board]

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1	(B) assist each school in the supervisory union to follow the
2	curriculum; and [SU Board]
3	(C) if students residing in the supervisory union receive their
4	education outside the supervisory union, periodically review the compatibility
5	of the supervisory union's curriculum with those other schools; [SU Board]
6	(8) perform all the duties required of a supervisory union in section 269
7	of this title or oversee the performance of those duties by employees of the
8	supervisory union; and [new]
9	(9) provide for the general supervision of the public schools in the
10	supervisory union or district.
11	Sec. 5. 16 V.S.A. § 242a is redesignated to read:
12	§ 242a <u>272</u> . Internal Financial Controls
13	Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 563 is amended to read:
14	§ 563. POWERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS; FORM OF VOTE IF BUDGET
15	EXCEEDS BENCHMARK AND DISTRICT SPENDING IS ABOVE
16	AVERAGE
17	The school board of a school district, in addition to other duties and
18	authority specifically assigned by law:
19	* * *
20	(2) May take any action, except actions explicitly reserved to the
21	supervisory union pursuant to chapter 7 of this title, which is required for the

- sound administration of the school district. The Secretary, with the advice of the Attorney General, upon application of a school board, shall decide whether any action contemplated or taken by a school board under this subdivision is required for the sound administration of the district and is proper under this subdivision. The Secretary's decision shall be final.
- (3) Shall <u>own and</u> have the possession, <u>care, control and management</u> of the property of the school district, subject to the authority vested in the electorate or any school district official.
 - (4) [Repealed.]
- (5) Shall keep the school buildings and grounds in good repair, suitably equipped, insured and in safe and sanitary condition at all times.
- (5) The school board shall Shall regulate or prohibit firearms or other dangerous or deadly weapons on school premises. At a minimum, a school board shall adopt and implement a policy at least consistent with section 1166 of this title and 13 V.S.A. § 4004, relating to a student who brings a firearm to or possesses a firearm at school.
- (6) Shall have discretion to furnish instruction to pupils who have completed a secondary education and to administer early educational programs.
- (7) May relocate or discontinue use of a schoolhouse or facility, subject
 to the provisions of sections 821 and 822 of this title.

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supplies. [Repealed.]

(8) Shall Subject to the duties and authority of the supervisory union pursuant to subdivision 263(a)(3), shall establish and maintain a system for receipt, deposit, disbursement, accounting, control, and reporting procedures that meets the criteria established by the State Board pursuant to subdivision 164(15) of this title and that ensures that all payments are lawful and in accordance with a budget adopted or amended by the school board. The school board may authorize a subcommittee, the superintendent of schools, or a designated employee of the school board to The superintendent shall examine claims against the district for school expenses and draw orders for such as shall be allowed by it payable to the party entitled thereto. Such orders shall state definitely the purpose for which they are drawn and shall serve as full authority to the treasurer to make such payments. It shall be lawful for a school board to submit to its treasurer a certified copy of those portions of the board minutes, properly signed by the clerk and chair, or a majority of the board, showing to whom, and for what purpose each payment is to be made by the treasurer, and such certified copy shall serve as full authority to the treasurer to make the payments as thus approved. * * * (14) Shall provide, at the expense of the district, subject to the approval of the superintendent, all text books, learning materials, equipment and

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2	Sec. 7. 16 V.S.A. § 426(c) is amended to read:
3	(c) The treasurer shall pay out of such money, orders drawn by or upon the
4	authority of the board of school directors superintendent. If he or she the
5	treasurer does not pay any such order on demand the holder thereof may
6	recover the amount from the town school district with interest from the time of
7	such demand. Moneys so received by the town school district may be invested
8	and reinvested by the treasurer, with the approval of the board of school
9	directors.
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11	[Note: There may be other sections that need to be amended to clarify SU's
12	role as business office and treasurer's more limited role.
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14	Sec REPEAL [to be filled in once all decisions are made about which
15	sections to include]
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17	[add to EFFECTIVE DATE Section] Secs. shall apply to academic
18	years 2015–2016 and after.
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