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Representative Olsen of Londonderry moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 3 (excess spending) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 3. INTENT FOR EXCESS SPENDING PENALTY

It is the intent of the General Assembly to lower the threshold for the excess spending penalty in 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12)(B) from 121 percent of the statewide average district education spending per pupil to 119 percent, but only after a study has been completed, and the General Assembly has evaluated, potential changes to the equalized pupil weighting formulas.

Second: In Sec. 9a, by adding a subsection (c) to read:

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the report required by this section shall also analyze the weighting factors that are used to determine equalized pupil counts and the effect of those weighting factors on educational opportunities, and including a specific assessment of how educational opportunities could be further equalized based on economies of scale and population densities.