

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred  
3 House Bill No. 529 entitled “An act relating to State aid for school  
4 construction repayment obligations” respectfully reports that it has considered  
5 the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the  
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 3448 is amended to read:

8 § 3448. APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION  
9 PROJECTS; RENEWABLE ENERGY

10 (a) Construction aid.

11 (1) Preliminary application for construction aid. A district or  
12 independent school eligible for assistance under section 3447 of this title, that  
13 intends to construct or purchase a new school, or make extensive additions or  
14 alterations to its existing school, and desires to avail itself of State school  
15 construction aid, shall submit a written preliminary application to the  
16 Secretary. A preliminary application shall include information required by the  
17 State Board by rule and shall specify the need for and purpose of the project.

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19 ~~(b) Refund upon sale. Upon the sale by a district of any item, building, or~~  
20 ~~unit that may be relocated, for which State construction aid was awarded under~~  
21 ~~this title, the district shall refund to the State a percentage of the sale price~~

1 ~~equal to the percentage of construction aid received. In no event shall the sum~~  
2 ~~refunded be in excess of the amount of the original State aid received for the~~  
3 ~~purchase of the item, building, or unit. All refunds shall be deposited with the~~  
4 ~~State Treasurer and used for school construction aid awards. [Repealed.]~~

5 (c) ~~Repayment as a condition of general aid. No school district shall~~  
6 ~~receive any State general aid unless the school district complies with~~  
7 ~~subsection (b) of this section. [Repealed.]~~

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9 Sec. 2. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 13. ~~REFUND UPON SALE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS~~

11 ~~REQUIREMENT; NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS; JOINT~~

12 ~~CONTRACT SCHOOLS~~

13 ~~(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 3448(b), the refund upon sale requirement~~  
14 ~~shall not apply to:~~

15 ~~(1) a union school district created under 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 that~~  
16 ~~becomes operational on or after July 1, 2015; and~~

17 ~~(2) two or more districts that, on or after July 1, 2015, enter into a~~  
18 ~~contract pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 11, subchapter 1 to operate a school~~  
19 ~~jointly.~~

20 ~~(b) As used in subsection (a) of this section, a union school district~~  
21 ~~established under 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 includes a school district voluntarily~~

1 ~~created pursuant to the provisions of this act, or a regional education district or~~  
2 ~~any other district eligible to receive incentives pursuant to 2010 Acts and~~  
3 ~~Resolves No. 153, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156 and 2013~~  
4 ~~Acts and Resolves No. 56.~~

5 ~~(e) This section is repealed on July 1, 2017. [Repealed.]~~

6 Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 3448 is amended to read:

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5 receive any State general aid unless the school district complies with  
6 subsection (b) of this section.

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8 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

9 (a) This section and Secs. 1–2 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

10 (b) Sec. 3 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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13 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Representative \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE COMMITTEE