

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 361 entitled “An act relating to making amendments to education funding,
4 education spending, and education governance” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 32, by striking out subsection (e) (funding) in its entirety and
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (e) to read:

8 (e) Funding. Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d) to the
9 contrary and prior to any reversions, of the amount appropriated in fiscal year
10 2015 pursuant to 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. B.505, the sum of up
11 to \$300,000.00 shall be transferred to the Joint Fiscal Office for use in fiscal
12 year 2016 for the purposes of this section.

13 Second: After Sec. 35, before the reader assistance for Sec. 36, by adding a
14 new section to be Sec. 35a and related reader assistance to read:

15 * * * Authorization; Existing Financial Incentives * * *

16 Sec. 35a. AUTHORIZATION; FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

17 Prior to any reversions, of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2015
18 pursuant to 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. B.505, the sum of
19 \$620,000.00 may be expended by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2016
20 for the reimbursement of costs and payment of other financial incentives
21 available pursuant to 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156 to two or more school

1 districts or two or more supervisory unions that are exploring or implementing
2 joint activity, including merger into a regional education district or one of its
3 variations.

4 Third: In Sec. 36, by inserting a new subsection to be subsection (z) to
5 read:

6 (z) Sec. 35a shall take effect on passage.

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8 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE