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Representative Komline of Dorset moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 26 and reader assistance in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 26 and reader assistance to read:

* * * Unfunded Mandates; General Fund * * *

Sec. 26. 16 V.S.A. § 4028(e) is added to read:

(e) On or before June 30 of each year, the Joint Fiscal Office shall determine the total dollar amount required for supervisory unions and school districts to perform all new unfunded mandates imposed upon them in the next fiscal year. The Joint Fiscal Office shall present this total to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting. The Joint Fiscal Committee shall review and approve the total, and that amount shall be added to the General Fund transfer in subdivision 4025(a)(2) of this title for the current fiscal year and for each fiscal year until the mandate is repealed or otherwise expires. As used in this subsection, an “unfunded mandate” means a State statute or rule that requires a supervisory union or school district to perform certain actions for which no new source of funding or funding mechanism is provided.

Second: In Sec. 36, subsection (r), by striking out the word “moratorium” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “General Fund”