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Small Schools Grants – Exemption from Geographic Isolation Requirement

Sec. 10a. SMALL SCHOOL SUPPORT; GRANDFATHERED DISTRICTS

Notwithstanding the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 4015, as amended by Secs. 9 and 10 of this act, that limit small school support to schools with an average grade size of 20 or fewer students that are geographically isolated from a school with excess capacity, the “eligible due to geographic necessity” criterion in § 4015 shall not apply to a district that:

(1) is organized to provide education for all resident students in prekindergarten through grade 12;

(2) operates a school for all resident students in kindergarten through grade 8;

(3) pays tuition for all resident students in grades 9 through 12;

(4) was eligible for and received small school support in fiscal year 2015; and

(5) because of geographic isolation from a career technical education center in Vermont is statutorily authorized to receive State aid for students enrolled in a career technical education center in Massachusetts.

Effective Date:

() Sec. 10a (small schools support; grandfathered districts) shall take effect on July 1, 2015.