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- The Committee on Education to which was referred House Bill No. 480
 entitled "An act relating to making miscellaneous technical and other
 amendments to education laws" respectfully reports that it has considered the
 same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be
 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu
 thereof the following:
- 8 * * * Elementary Education; Prekindergarten * * *
- 9 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 11(a)(3) is amended to read:
- 10 (3) "Elementary education" means a program of public school education 11 adapted to the needs of students in <u>prekindergarten</u>, kindergarten, and the first 12 six grades.
- * * * School Boards; Designation; Technical Correction * * *
- 14 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 563(31) is amended to read:
- (31) Subject to the requirements of section 571 of this title, may enter into contracts with other school boards to provide joint programs, services, facilities, and professional or other staff. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit the designation by a school district that does not maintain a secondary school of another school district's secondary school as the secondary school of the district.

1	* * * Sight and Hearing Testing; Equipment * * *
2	Sec. 3. REPEAL
3	16 V.S.A. § 1421 (sight and hearing testing equipment) is repealed.
4	* * * Vermont State Colleges; Technical Correction * * *
5	Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 2179 is amended to read:
6	§ 2179. NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN STATUTES
7	Except as expressly provided in this chapter, the Corporation, its officers
8	and employees shall not be governed by:
9	* * *
10	(9) 21 V.S.A. § 342 (d) (c), dealing with required written employee
11	authorization before an employer may pay wages through electronic funds
12	transfer or other direct deposit systems to a checking, savings, or other deposit
13	account maintained by the employee within or outside the State.
14	* * * Tiered System of Supports * * *
15	Sec. 5. 16 V.S.A. § 2902 is amended to read:
16	§ 2902. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM TIERED SYSTEM OF
17	SUPPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM
18	(a) Within each school district's comprehensive system of educational
19	services, each public school shall develop and maintain an educational support
20	system for students who require additional assistance in order a tiered system
21	of academic and behavioral supports for the purpose of providing all students

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- with the opportunity to succeed or to be challenged in the general education environment. For each school it maintains, a school district board shall assign responsibility for developing and maintaining the educational support system tiered system of supports either to the superintendent pursuant to a contract entered into under section 267 of this title or to the school principal. The educational support system school shall provide all students a full and fair opportunity to access the system of supports and achieve educational success. The tiered system of supports shall, at a minimum, include an educational support team and a range of support and remedial services, including, instructional and behavioral interventions, and accommodations that are available as needed for any student who requires support beyond what can be provided in the general education classroom, and may include intensive, individualized interventions for any student requiring a higher level of support. (b) The educational support system tiered system of supports shall:
- - (1) Be integrated to the extent aligned as appropriate with the general education curriculum.
 - (2) Be designed to increase enhance the ability of the general education system to meet the needs of all students.
 - (3) Be designed to provide students the support needed necessary supports promptly, regardless of an individual student's eligibility for categorical programs.

1	(4) Provide clear procedures and methods for addressing student
2	behavior that is disruptive to the learning environment and include educational
3	options, support services, and consultation or training for staff where
4	appropriate. Procedures may include removal of a student from the classroom
5	or the school building for as long as appropriate, consistent with state and
6	federal law and the school's policy on student discipline, after reasonable
7	effort has been made to support the student in the regular classroom
8	environment Seek to identify and respond to students in need of support for
9	at-risk behaviors and to students in need of specialized, individualized
10	behavior supports.
11	(5) Ensure Provide all students with a continuum of evidence-based and
12	research-based behavior practices that teach and encourage prosocial skills and
13	behaviors schoolwide.
14	(6) Promote collaboration with families, community supports, and the
15	system of health and human services.
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17	* * * Small School Support; Outdated References * * *
18	Sec. 6. REPEAL
19	16 V.S.A. § 4015(d) (small school support; references to two repealed
20	provisions) is repealed.

1	* * * Education Fund; Technical Correction * * *		
2	Sec. 7. 16 V.S.A. § 4025 is amended to read:		
3	§ 4025. EDUCATION FUND		
4	(a) An Education Fund is established to comprise the following:		
5	* * *		
6	(4) Revenue from the electric generating plant education property tax		
7	under 32 V.S.A. § 5402a. [Repealed.]		
8	* * *		
9	* * * Effective Date * * *		
10	Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE		
11	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.		
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14	(Committee vote:)		
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16	Senator		
17	FOR THE COMMITTEE		