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H.460

Introduced by Representatives Partridge of Windham, Bartholomew of
Hartland, and Buckholz of Hartford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; small school grants

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a
school district to continue to receive a small school support grant under certain
conditions.

An act relating to small school grants

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, Sec. 4(d) as amended by 2015 Acts
and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 15 is further amended to read:

Sec. 15. 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, Sec. 4(d) is amended to read:

(d) Merger support grant.

(1) If the merging districts of a RED included at least one “eligible
school district,” as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4015, that had received a small
school support grant under section 4015 in the fiscal year two years prior to the
first fiscal year of merger, then the RED shall receive a merger support grant in
an amount equal to the small school support grant received by the eligible

1 school district in the fiscal year two years prior to the first fiscal year of
2 merger. If more than one merging district was an eligible school district, then
3 the merger support grant shall be in an amount equal to the total combined
4 small school support grants they received in the fiscal year two years prior to
5 the first fiscal year of merger.

6 (2) Payment of the merger support grant under this subsection (d) shall
7 continue annually unless explicitly repealed by the General Assembly;
8 provided, however, that the Secretary shall discontinue payment of the grant in
9 the fiscal year following closure by the merged district of a school located in
10 what had been an “eligible school district” prior to merger; and further
11 provided that if a school building located in a formerly “eligible school
12 district” is closed in order to consolidate with another school into a renovated
13 or new school building, then the Secretary shall continue to pay the grant
14 during the repayment term of any bonded indebtedness incurred in connection
15 with the consolidation-related renovation or construction.

16 (3) If a vote by the electorate on a proposal to merge districts into a
17 RED fails, a district that would have been merged into the RED and that
18 received a small school support grant under 16 V.S.A. § 4015 in the fiscal year
19 during which the proposal was voted upon shall continue to receive a merger
20 support grant in an amount equal to the small school support grant received by
21 the district in the fiscal year during which the proposal was voted upon.

1 Payment of the merger support grant under this subdivision (d)(3) shall
2 continue annually unless explicitly repealed by the General Assembly;
3 provided, however, that the Secretary shall discontinue payment of the grant in
4 the fiscal year following closure by the district of the school for which it
5 received the grant; and further provided that if a school building is closed in
6 order to consolidate with another school into a renovated or new school
7 building, then the Secretary shall continue to pay the grant during the
8 repayment term of any bonded indebtedness incurred in connection with the
9 consolidation-related renovation or construction.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.