

## **Recommendation for consideration related to S15.**

Currently Act 46 does not require the use of a 706b structure to form an alternative proposal. In considering this bill please remove the use of the 706b process in forming an alternative structure for districts that have disbanded their 706b committees or districts that have never formed a 706b committee.

The 706b process is designed for the development of a Union School District. An alternative structure is not a Union District rather it is an Alternative proposal, which is modeled on a restructured supervisory union more effectively aligned with meeting the goals of Act 46.

A supervisory union has the advantage of freedom and unity, freedom to make local decisions, as appropriate for local circumstances, for example for districts like Peacham with a distinct operating structure regionally, unity for decisions, which are best made centrally.

The work of an “Act 46 Alternative Structures Committee” would be to look at all the governance functions and decide which are best managed centrally and which are best managed locally in an effort to best meet the goals of the law.

An Act 46 Alternative Structures Committees would be groups of equal districts making these decisions together as SU’s have historically operated. A 706b committee is subject to proportional representation a structure, which is inappropriate for Alternative Structure discussions.

An Act 46 Alternative Structures Committee may include districts within current SU boundaries but will also likely involve larger geographical groups, which will meet the goals of the law through dissolving smaller SU’s and incorporating them into larger Alternative Structures.

Districts with existing 706b committees could vote to disband and form an Alternative Structures Committee or continue their work if the statute was amended to allowed for equalized representation for this purpose.

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