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2 Representatives Sibia of Dover, Gannon of Wilmington, and Olsen of
3 Londonderry move that the House propose to the Senate that the report by the
4 Committee on Education on Senate Bill No. 130 entitled “An act relating to
5 making miscellaneous changes to education laws” be amended by, in the third
6 instance of amendment, striking out Sec. 16 (Education Weighting Study
7 Committee) in its entirety, with its reader assistance, and inserting in lieu
8 thereof a new Sec. 16, with reader assistance, to read:

9 * * * Education Weighting Report * * *

10 Sec. 16. EDUCATION WEIGHTING REPORT

11 (a) The Agency of Education, in consultation with the Joint Fiscal Office
12 and the Office of Legislative Council, shall consider and make
13 recommendations on the criteria used for the determining weighted long-term
14 membership of a school district under 16 V.S.A. § 4010, including the
15 following.

16 (1) The current weighting factors and any supporting evidence or basis
17 in the historical record for these factors.

18 (2) The relationship between each of the current weighting factors and
19 the quality and equity of educational outcomes for students.

20 (3) Whether any of the weighting factors, including the weighting
21 factors for students from economically deprived backgrounds and for students

1 for whom English is not the primary language, should be modified, and if so,
2 how the weighting factors should be modified and if the modification would
3 further the quality and equity of educational outcomes for students.

4 (4) Whether to add any weighting factors, including a school district
5 population density factor, and if so, why the weighting factor should be added
6 and if the weighting factor would further the quality and equity of educational
7 outcomes for students. In considering whether to recommend the addition of a
8 school district population density factor, the Agency of Education shall
9 consider the practices of other states, information from the National Council
10 for State Legislatures, and research conducted by higher education institutions
11 working on identifying rural or urban education financing factors.

12 (b) In addition to considering and making recommendations on the criteria
13 used for the determining weighted long-term membership of a school district
14 under subsection (a) of this section, the Agency of Education may consider and
15 make recommendations on other methods that would further the quality and
16 equity of educational outcomes for students.

17 (c) Report. On or before December 15, 2017, the Agency of Education
18 shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on
19 Education, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate
20 Committee on Finance with its findings and any recommendations.