

1       Sec. XX. PRE-K TO 12 EDUCATIONAL SPENDING STUDY

2                       COMMITTEE

3           (a) Creation. There is created an PreK-12 Educational Spending Study  
4 Committee.

5           (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following seven  
6 members:

7           (1) one member from each of the following committees, selected by the  
8 Speaker of the House: the House Committees on Education and Ways and  
9 Means;

10          (2) one member from each of the following committees, selected by the  
11 President Pro Tempore of the Senate: the Senate Committees on Education and  
12 Finance;

13          (3) two members of the public, one from a rural community and one  
14 from an urban community, selected by the Speaker of the House; and

15          (3) the Secretary of Education or designee, who shall act as the chair.

16          (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall identify the major cost drivers  
17 in school districts and recommend strategies to slow the growth in these areas  
18 of spending. They shall also report on how these changes would affect the  
19 equity and quality of educational opportunities for all Vermont students. In  
20 developing legislative proposals, the Committee shall review the studies and  
21 reports to date, and consult with groups and individuals with relevant expertise.

1 On or before December 1, 2017, the Committee shall submit its proposals to  
2 the General Assembly in the form of legislation ready for introduction.

3 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the assistance of the Joint Fiscal  
4 Office and the Office of Legislative Council. The administrative assistance for  
5 the Committee shall be provided by the Office of Legislative Council.

6 (e) Meetings.

7 (1) The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or  
8 before August 1, 2017.

9 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

10 (3) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 2, 2017.

11 (g)(1) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of  
12 the General Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled  
13 to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A.  
14 § 406 for no more than six meetings.

15 (2) Other members of the Committee who are not employees of the State  
16 of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their  
17 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of  
18 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than six meetings.

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