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Representative Haas of Rochester moves to amend the amendment offered by Representative Conlon of Cornwall, as amended, by striking out Sec. 25 in its entirety and adding two new sections, to be Secs. 25 and 25a, to read:

Sec. 25. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 23 is amended to read:

Sec. 23. DECLINING ENROLLMENT; TRANSITION

(a) If a district’s equalized pupils in fiscal year 2016 do not reflect any adjustment pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4010(f), then Sec. 22 of this act shall apply to the district in fiscal year 2017 and after.

(b) If a district’s equalized pupils in fiscal year 2016 reflect adjustment pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4010(f), then, notwithstanding the provisions of § 4010(f) as amended by this act:

(1) in fiscal year 2017, the district’s equalized pupils shall in no case be less than 90 percent of the district’s equalized pupils in the previous year; and

(2) in fiscal year 2018, the district’s equalized pupils shall in no case be less than 80 percent of the district’s equalized pupils in the previous year.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, if a district is actively engaged in merger discussions with one or more other districts regarding the formation of a regional education district (RED) or other form of unified union school district pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 11, then Sec. 22 of this act shall apply to the district in fiscal year ~~2018~~ 2019 and

1 after, and each of the dates in subsection (b) of this section shall be adjusted  
2 accordingly. A district shall be “actively engaged in merger discussions”  
3 pursuant to this subsection ~~(e)~~ if, on or before July 1, 2016, it has formed a  
4 study committee pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 11; provided, however, that a  
5 district shall also considered to be “actively engaged in merger discussions”  
6 pursuant to this subsection if, on or before July 1, 2017, it has formed a study  
7 committee pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 and is a member of a supervisory  
8 union that was formed by the combination of two or more supervisory unions  
9 on July 1, 2016. Until such time as Sec. 22 of this act shall apply to the  
10 district, the district’s equalized pupil count shall be calculated under 16 V.S.A.  
11 § 4010(f), as in effect on June 30, 2016.

12 Sec. 25a. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 24 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 24. REPEAL

14 16 V.S.A. § 4010(f) (declining enrollment; hold-harmless provision) is  
15 repealed on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021.