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2 Senator Baruth moves that the bill be amended as follows:

3 First: In Sec. 3, in subsection (a), by striking out subdivision (6) in its
4 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 (6) The districts proposing to merge into the Merged District receive
6 final approval from their electorate for the merger proposal on or before
7 November 30, 2018, and the Merged District becomes fully operational on or
8 before July 1, 2019.

9 Second: In Sec. 4, in subsection (a), by striking out subdivision (7) in its
10 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 (7) The districts proposing to merge into each Merged District receive
12 final approval from their electorate for the merger proposal on or before
13 November 30, 2018, and each Merged District becomes fully operational on or
14 before July 1, 2019.

15 Third: By striking out Sec. 8 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
16 following:

17 Sec. 8. 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, Sec. 2(a), as amended by 2012
18 Acts and Resolves No. 156, Sec. 1, as further amended by 2015 Acts and
19 Resolves No.46, Sec. 16, is further amended to read:

20 (a) Program created. There is created a school district merger incentive
21 program under which the incentives outlined in Sec. 4 of this act shall be

1 available to each new unified union school district created pursuant to Sec. 3 of
2 this act and to each new district created under Sec. 3 of this act by the merger
3 of districts that provide education by paying tuition; and to the Vermont
4 members of any new interstate school district if the Vermont members jointly
5 satisfy the size criterion of Sec. 3(a)(1) of this act and the new, merged district
6 meets all other requirements of Sec. 3 of this act. Incentives shall be available,
7 however, only if the merger receives final approval of the electorate prior to
8 ~~July 1, 2017~~ November 30, 2018.

9 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 15 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
10 the following:

11 Sec. 15. AVAILABILITY OF TAX AND OTHER INCENTIVES

12 (a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary under 2010 Acts and
13 Resolves No. 153, 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156, and 2015 Acts and
14 Resolves No. 46, each as amended, and subject to subsection (c) of this
15 section, the tax and other incentives under those acts shall be available only if:

16 (1) the districts proposing to merge under those acts receive final
17 approval from their electorate for their merger proposal on or before
18 November 30, 2018; and

19 (2) the new governance structure formed under those acts becomes fully
20 operational on or before July 1, 2019.

1 (b) A school district that submits a proposal to the Secretary of Education
2 under Sec. 9 of 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46 shall qualify for the available
3 tax and other incentives under 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, 2012 Acts and
4 Resolves No. 156, and 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, each as amended, if it
5 complies with the conditions of those acts for receipt of those benefits and with
6 the time limits under subsection (a) of this section.

7 (c) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a school district seeking
8 to form a newly formed school district under Sec. 6 of and 2015 Acts and
9 Resolves No. 46 (Accelerated Activity; Supervisory Union Becoming a
10 Supervisory District; Enhanced Tax Incentives; Small School Support; Data
11 and Report).