

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Education to which was referred Senate Bill No. 130
3 entitled “An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: By striking out Sec. 2 (Educational and Training Programs for
7 College Credit), Sec. 3 (Student Enrollment; Small School Grant), Secs. 6–8
8 (speech-language pathologists), and Sec. 19 (Effective Dates) with their reader
9 assistances, in their entirety.

10 Second: By renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

11 Third: By adding four new sections, to be Secs. 14, 15, 16, and 17 with
12 reader assistances, to read:

13 * * * Criminal Record Checks * * *

14 Sec. 14. 16 V.S.A § 255(k) is added to read:

15 (k) The requirements of this section shall not apply to persons operating or
16 employed by a child care facility that is prequalified to provide prekindergarten
17 education pursuant to section 829 of this title and that is required to be licensed
18 by the Department for Children and Families pursuant to 33 V.S.A § 3502.

19 Sec. 15. 33 V.S.A § 3511 is amended to read:

20 § 3511. DEFINITIONS

21 As used in this chapter:

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(2) “Child care facility” means any place or program operated as a business or service on a regular or continuous basis, whether for compensation or not, whose primary function is protection, care, and supervision of children under 16 years of age outside their homes for periods of fewer than 24 hours a day by a person other than a child’s own parent, guardian, or relative, as defined by rules adopted by the Department for Children and Families, but not including a kindergarten approved by the State Board of Education or a prequalified prekindergarten program operated by a school.

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* * * Education Weighting Study Committee * * *

Sec. 16. EDUCATION WEIGHTING STUDY COMMITTEE

(a) Creation. There is created the Education Weighting Study Committee to consider and make recommendations on the criteria used for determining weighted long-term membership of a school district under 16 V.S.A. § 4010.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following nine members:

(1) two current members of the House of Representatives, not from the same party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) two current members of the Senate, not from the same party, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

1 (3) the Secretary of Education or designee;

2 (4) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;

3 (5) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendent’s Association
4 or designee;

5 (6) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or
6 designee; and

7 (7) the Executive Director of the Vermont National Education
8 Association or designee.

9 (c) Powers and duties.

10 (1) The Committee shall consider and make recommendations on the
11 criteria used for the determining weighted long-term membership of a school
12 district under 16 V.S.A. § 4010, including the following:

13 (A) the relationship between each of the current weighting factors
14 and the quality and equity of educational outcomes for students;

15 (B) whether any of the weighting factors, including the weighting
16 factors for students from economically deprived backgrounds and for students
17 for whom English is not the primary language, should be modified, and if so,
18 how the weighting factors should be modified and if the modification would
19 further the quality and equity of educational outcomes for students; and

20 (C) whether to add any weighting factors, including a school district
21 population density factor, and if so, why the weighting factor should be added

1 and if the weighting factor would further the quality and equity of educational
2 outcomes for students.

3 (2) In addition to considering and make recommendations on the criteria
4 used for the determining weighted long-term membership of a school district
5 under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Committee may consider and
6 make recommendations on other methods that would further the quality and
7 equity of educational outcomes for students.

8 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
9 and legal assistance of the Agency of Education.

10 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2018, the Committee shall submit a
11 written report to the House and Senate Committees on Education with its
12 findings and any recommendations.

13 (f) Meetings.

14 (1) The Secretary of Education shall call the first meeting of the
15 Committee to occur on or before May 30, 2017.

16 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
17 first meeting.

18 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

19 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 16, 2018.

1 (g) Reimbursement.

2 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
3 Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
4 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for
5 no more than seven meetings.

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

10 * * * Effective Dates * * *

11 Sec. 17. EFFECTIVE DATES

12 (a) This section, Secs. 1–7, 9–13, and 16 shall take effect on passage.

13 (b) Sec. 8 (State-placed students) shall take effect beginning with the
14 2017–2018 school year.

15 (c) Secs. 14–15 (criminal record checks) shall take effect on passage and
16 shall apply to persons hired or contracted with after June 30, 2017 and to
17 persons who apply for or renew a teaching or child care provider license after
18 June 30, 2017.

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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE