

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 257 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 report of the Committee on Education be further amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 9, amending 16 V.S.A. § 829, in subsection (c), by striking
7 out subdivision (1)(A) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the
8 following:

9 (A) Having:

10 (i) National Association for the Education of Young Children
11 (NAEYC) accreditation; or

12 ~~(B)(ii)~~ at least four stars in the Department for Children and
13 Families’ STARS system ~~with a plan to get to at least two points in each of the~~
14 ~~five arenas; or~~

15 ~~(C) three stars in the STARS system if the provider has developed a~~
16 ~~plan, approved by the Commissioner for Children and Families and the~~
17 ~~Secretary of Education, to achieve four or more stars with at least two points in~~
18 ~~each of the five arenas in no more than three years, and the provider has met~~
19 ~~intermediate milestones.~~

1 Second: In Sec. 9, amending 16 V.S.A. § 829, in subsection (c), by striking
2 out subdivision (2)(B) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 (B) meeting health, safety, and quality rules adopted by the State
5 Board of Education.

6 Third: In Sec. 9, amending 16 V.S.A. § 829, in subsection (e), by striking
7 out subdivision (4)(B)(ii) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the
8 following:

9 (ii) enters into an agreement with any provider to which it will pay
10 tuition regarding quality assurance, transition, and any other matters;
11 agreements entered into for the 2019-2020 school year and future school years
12 shall be in a form prescribed by the Secretary of Education; and

13 Fourth: In Sec. 9, amending 16 V.S.A. § 829, in subsection (e), by striking
14 out subdivision (12) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 (12) To establish health, safety, and quality requirements for
16 prequalified public providers that are consistent with the Child Care Licensing
17 Regulations adopted by the Agency of Human Services.

18 Fifth: In Sec. 10, amending 16 V.S.A. § 4010, by striking out subsection
19 (c) in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 (c) The Secretary shall determine the weighted long-term membership for
2 each school district using the long-term membership from subsection (b) of
3 this section and the following weights for each class:

4 (1) Prekindergarten except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
5 prekindergarten—0.46;

6 (2) for a resident child enrolled in a prekindergarten program offered by
7 a prequalified public provider, as defined in section 829(a) of this title, that is
8 the district of residence with a duration of 20 hours or more per week for 35
9 weeks annually—0.70;

10 (3) Elementary or elementary, excluding prekindergarten—1.0; and

11 (4) Secondary secondary—1.13

12 Sixth: By striking out Sec. 13 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
13 following:

14 Sec. 13. PREKINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

15 Until such time as the State Board of Education implements rules that
16 establish health, safety, and quality requirements for prequalified public
17 providers under Sec. 9 of this act, prequalified public providers shall be subject
18 to the health, safety, and quality rules adopted by the Agency of Human
19 Services and the oversight by the Agency of Human Services in its
20 enforcement of these rules.

1 Seventh: By striking out Sec. 25 and in its entirety and by inserting in lieu
2 thereof the following:

3 Sec. 25. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) Secs. 8 (Technical Correction) shall take effect July 1, 2019. Secs. 9,
5 11, and 12 (Prekindergarten Education) shall take effect on July 1, 2019 for the
6 2019-2020 school year and future school years.

7 (b) Sec. 10, which increases the weighting from 0.46 to 0.70 for a resident
8 child enrolled in a public prekindergarten program with a duration of 20 hours
9 or more per week for 35 weeks annually, shall take effect July 1, 2020 in order
10 to provide sufficient time to determine how to better ensure equity and access
11 to publicly funded hours across the private and public prekindergarten delivery
12 systems.

13 (c) This section and the remaining sections shall take effect on passage, and
14 Secs. 4(c) and 5 shall apply to the subsequent election of district officers of a
15 unified union school district or a union school district.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE