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Representatives Toll of Danville and Juskiewicz of Cambridge move that the House propose to the Senate that the report of the Committee on Education be amended by striking out Sec. 14 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14. EDUCATOR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

(a) The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators shall consider whether the educator licensure and endorsement requirements are appropriate or should be updated. As part of its review, the Board shall consider whether the use by a school of a school-based teacher quality and performance measurement program approved by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, or examinations offered by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, should be used as criteria to qualify for licensure and endorsement. On or before December 1, 2018, the Board shall report its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Education.

(b) As part of its review under subsection (a) of this section, the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators shall consider whether the educator licensure and endorsement requirements for teachers in career technical education centers are appropriate or should be updated. After the House and Senate Committees on Education have concluded their

1 consideration of the report of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional  
2 Educators under subsection (a) of this section, the Vermont Standards Board  
3 for Professional Educators and the State Board of Education shall either update  
4 their educator licensure and endorsement rules for teachers in career technical  
5 education centers or issue a report to the House and Senate Committees on  
6 Education that they do not intend to update these rules. Until the date upon  
7 which these updated rules are implemented or the report is issued, teachers  
8 employed by career technical centers who were hired before April 1, 2018 and  
9 who do not have the licensure or endorsement that is required under applicable  
10 rules shall be exempt from these rules and any requirement to pursue licensure  
11 or endorsement under these rules.

12 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section and any provision of law  
13 to the contrary, an employee in an approved area career technical center  
14 located in an approved independent school who was hired before April 1, 2018  
15 and who did not have the licensure or endorsement that is required under  
16 applicable rules governing career technical centers shall be exempt from these  
17 rules. An employee hired on or after April 1, 2018 shall be subject to these  
18 rules, and an employee hired before April 1, 2018 who complied with these  
19 rules shall maintain his or her licensure and endorsements as required by these  
20 rules.