

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 for 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.

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

15 Sec. 25. EFFECTIVE DATES

16 (a) Secs. 8 (Technical Correction) shall take effect July 1, 2019. Secs. 9-12  
17 (Prekindergarten Education) shall take effect on July 1, 2019 for the 2019-  
18 2020 school year and future school years.

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

1           and by renumbering the sections to be numerically correct.

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4           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE