

1 S.130

2 Senator Baruth moves that the report on the bill from the Committee on
3 Appropriations be amended as follows:

4 First: in Sec. 1, by striking subsection (e) in its entirety and inserting in lieu
5 thereof the following:

6 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2018, the Committee shall submit a
7 written report to the House and Senate Committees on Education with its
8 findings and any recommendations, including recommendations for any
9 amendments to legislation.

10 Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 18, with reader assistance, to
11 read:

12 * * * Surety Bond; Postsecondary Institutions * * *

13 Sec. 18. 16 V.S.A. § 175 is amended to read:

14 § 175. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; CLOSING

15 (a) When an institution of higher education, whether or not chartered in this
16 State, proposes to discontinue the regular course of instruction, either
17 permanently or for a temporary period other than a customary vacation period,
18 the institution shall:

19 (1) promptly inform the State Board;

1 shall acquire and maintain a bond from a corporate surety licensed to do
2 business in Vermont in the amount of \$50,000.00 to cover costs that may be
3 incurred by the State under subsection (e) of this section due to the institution's
4 failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, and
5 the institution shall provide evidence of the bond to the Secretary within 30
6 days of receipt. The State shall be entitled to recover up to the full amount of
7 the bond in addition to the other remedies provided in subsection (e) of this
8 section.

9 (2) AVIC shall maintain a memorandum of understanding with each of
10 its member colleges under which each member college agrees to:

11 (A) upon the request of AVIC, properly administer the student
12 records of a member college that fails to comply with the requirements of
13 subsection (a) of this section; and

14 (B) contribute on an equitable basis and in a manner determined in
15 the sole discretion of AVIC to the costs of another AVIC member or other
16 entity selected by AVIC maintaining the records of a member college that fails
17 to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

18 Third: By adding a new section to be Sec. 19, with reader assistance, to
19 read:

20 * * * Elections to Unified Union District Board * * *

21 Sec. 19. ELECTIONS TO UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary under 16 V.S.A. § 706k,
2 a director on the board of a unified union school district who is to serve on the
3 board after expiration of the term for an initial director shall be elected at the
4 unified union school district’s annual meeting in accordance with district’s
5 articles of agreement.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary under 16 V.S.A. § 706l,
7 if a vacancy occurs on the board of a unified union school district and the
8 vacancy is in a seat that is allocated to a specific town, the clerk shall
9 immediately notify the selectboard of the town. Within 30 days of the receipt
10 of that notice, the unified union school district board, in consultation with the
11 selectboard, shall appoint a person who is otherwise eligible to serve as a
12 member of the unified union school district board to fill the vacancy until an
13 election is held in accordance with the unified union school district’s articles of
14 agreement.

15 (c) This section is repealed on July 1, 2018.

16 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 18 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
17 new section to read:

18 Sec. 20. EFFECTIVE DATES

19 (a) This section, Secs. 1–4, 8–11, 13–17, and 19 shall take effect on
20 passage.

1 (b) Secs. 5–7 (speech-language pathologists) shall take effect on January 1,
2 2018.

3 (c) Sec. 12 (State-placed students) shall take effect beginning with the
4 2017–2018 school year.

5 (d) Sec. 18 (surety bond; postsecondary institutions) shall take effect on
6 October 1, 2017.