

1 Alternative language for H.39

2 Substantive differences from H.39 highlighted

3 Sec. 1. SCHOOL DISTRICT MERGERS; STATE BOARD OF
4 EDUCATION ORDER

5 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary:

6 (1) Merger deadline extension. The deadline for school district mergers
7 ordered by the State Board of Education under 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46,
8 Sec. 10, as amended, shall be on or before July 1, 2020.

9 (2) Operations until merger. Until the merger under subdivision (1) of
10 this section becomes operational or takes effect, each school district that will
11 merge shall continue to operate and shall take such action as is necessary or
12 required by law to effect the merger.

13 (3) Draft Articles of Agreement. The school districts that are required
14 by the State Board order to merge into a newly formed district shall, on or
15 before July 1, 2019, form a committee with members appointed in the same
16 manner and number as required for a study committee under 16 V.S.A.
17 chapter 11 that shall draft Articles of Agreement for the newly formed district.
18 On or before October 31, 2019, the committee shall hold at least one public
19 hearing to consider and take comments on the draft Articles of Agreement.

20 (4) Approval of Articles of Agreement. The committee's draft Articles
21 of Agreement shall be submitted for approval by the voters of each school

1 district that is required by the State Board order to merge into a newly formed
2 district at an annual or special meeting warned for the purpose. If, on or before
3 March 31, 2020, the committee’s draft Articles of Agreement are not approved
4 by a majority of the voters present and voting at a meeting warned for the
5 purpose of each school district that is required by the State Board order to
6 merge into the newly formed district, then the provisions in the State Board’s
7 default Articles of Agreement shall apply to the newly formed district.
8 (5) Default Articles of Agreement. The State Board of Education shall
9 amend the default Articles of Agreement included with the State Board’s order
10 to merge to accommodate this section.