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2 Senators Parent, Baruth, Hardy, Hooker, Ingram and Perchlik move that the
3 Senate propose to the House that the report of the Committee on Education on
4 House Bill No. 39 entitled “An act relating to the extension of the deadline of
5 school district mergers required by the State Board of Education” be amended
6 as follows:

7 First: in Sec. 1, subsection (c), by adding a new subdivision (3)(C) to read
8 as follows:

9 (C)(i) This subdivision (3) shall also apply if:

10 (I) two or more school districts voluntarily merge to form a
11 new unified union school district that is operational on July 1, 2019;

12 (II) one or more of these merging school districts was an
13 “eligible school district” as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4015, as in effect on June
14 30, 2019, that received a small schools support grant under that section in the
15 fiscal year two years prior to the first fiscal year of merger;

16 (III) the new unified union school district is not eligible for
17 incentives under 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, 2012 Acts and Resolves
18 No. 156, and 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, each as amended; and

19 (IV) the new unified union school district accepts one or more
20 merging districts as a member of the new unified union school district with an
21 operational date of July 1, 2019.

1 (ii) If the conditions in subdivision (i) of this subdivision (C) are
2 met, then the new unified union school district shall receive an annual small
3 schools support grant in an amount equal to the small schools support grant
4 received by the merging district in the fiscal year two years prior to the first
5 fiscal year of merger under the same terms that apply to a newly formed
6 district under this subdivision (c)(3).

7 Second: in Sec. 1, subsection (c), by adding a new subdivision (4)(D) to
8 read as follows:

9 (D)(i) This subdivision (4) shall also apply if:

10 (I) two or more school districts voluntarily merge to form a
11 new unified union school district that is operational on July 1, 2019;

12 (II) the new unified union school district is not eligible for
13 incentives under 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, 2012 Acts and Resolves
14 No. 156, and 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, each as amended; and

15 (III) the new unified union school district accepts one or more
16 merging districts as a member of the new unified union school district with an
17 operational date of July 1, 2019.

18 (ii) If the conditions in subdivision (i) of this subdivision (D)
19 are met, then the new unified union school district shall be considered a
20 “newly formed district” under this subdivision (c)(4), and the school districts
21 that voluntarily merge to form the new unified union school district and the

1 merging districts shall be considered “forming districts” under this subdivision
2 (c)(4). The school board of the new unified union school district, operating in
3 accordance with its Articles of Agreement, shall determine how funds shall be
4 expended in fiscal year 2020.