

S.115

An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education laws

The Senate concurs in the House proposal of amendment with the following proposal of amendment thereto:

By striking out Sec. 19, effective dates, and its reader assistance heading in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * State Board of Education; Members * * *

Sec. 19. 16 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

§ 161. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS; TERM; VACANCY

The State Board shall consist of ten members. Two of the members shall be secondary students, one of whom shall be a full member and the other of whom shall be a junior member who may not vote. All members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. In the appointment of the nonstudent members, priority shall be given to the selection of persons with a demonstrated commitment to ensuring quality education for Vermont students. To the extent possible, the members shall represent ~~geographically diverse areas of the State~~ the State's geographic, gender, racial, and ethnic diversity. The Secretary shall serve on the State Board as a nonvoting member.

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* * * State Board of Education; Powers and Duties * * *

Sec. 20. 16 V.S.A. § 164 is amended to read:

§ 164. STATE BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

The State Board shall ~~evaluate education policy proposals, including timely evaluation of policies presented by the Governor and Secretary;~~ engage local school board members and the broader education community; ~~and establish and advance education policy for the State of Vermont~~ and, consistent with the provisions of this title, its own rules, and rules adopted by the Secretary, establish and regularly update a long-term strategic vision for the delivery of educational services in Vermont; advise the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Secretary of Education on high-priority educational policies and issues as they arise; and act in accordance with legislative mandates, including the adoption of rules and executing special assignments. In addition to other specified duties, the Board shall:

(1) Establish such advisory commissions as in the judgment of the Board will be of assistance to it in carrying out its duties. Advisory commission members shall serve with or without compensation at the discretion of the Board but shall receive actual expenses incurred in pursuance of their duties.

(2) Have the authority to enter into agreements with school districts, municipalities, states, the United States, foundations, agencies, or individuals for service, educational programs, or research projects.

(3) Examine and determine all appeals that by law are made to it and prescribe rules of practice in respect thereto, not inconsistent with law.

(4) ~~Review and comment on an Agency budget prepared by the Secretary for the Governor.~~ [Repealed.]

(5) [Repealed.]

(6) Make regulations governing the attendance and records of attendance of all students and the department of students attending public schools.

(7) Adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 ~~as necessary or appropriate for the execution of its powers and duties and of the powers and duties of all persons under its supervision and control~~ to carry out the powers and duties of the Board as directed by the General Assembly, within the limitations of legislative intent.

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that school districts and approved independent schools shall comply with the requirements of Sec. 11 (menstrual products) for the 2022–2023 school year and thereafter.