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Senators Champion, Chittenden, Hooker, Lyons, Perchlik and Terenzini
move that the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment with further
proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. 19, effective dates, and its reader
assistance heading in their entirety 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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1 * * * State Board of Education; Powers and Duties * * *

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

3 § 164. STATE BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

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

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

