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Hi Senator Campion and Elizabeth,

As promised, here are two sentences that could be added to S.283 in section 2, related to suspension and expulsion of children in prequalified private pre-K programs. I have shared this language with Dr. Northey, who said it worked, and with Dr. Crossman, who said that Building Bright Futures is the right entity to convene this task force. Dr. Crossman is not available for testimony tomorrow, unfortunately, but could provide something in writing if necessary—I've copied her here.

Sec. 2.

After 16 VSA § 1162 (d), add new session law language:

Building Bright Futures shall use its existing committee structure to convene a task force to support the State agencies of human services and education in defining suspension, expulsion, and exclusionary practices in early childhood education settings and best practices for supporting children who face such measures. The task force shall review available data on exclusionary practices and make recommendations for legislative action.

Thanks very much for your committee's consideration. I look forward to talking with you more tomorrow.

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