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Representatives Holcombe of Norwich, Arsenault of Williston, Burrows of West Windsor, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Christie of Hartford, Dolan of Waitsfield, Graning of Jericho, Ode of Burlington, and Sibia of Dover move that the report of the Committee on Appropriations be amended by adding a reader assistance heading and new section to be Sec. 12a to read as follows:

\* \* \* Prohibition on Paying Tuition after School Closure \* \* \*

Sec. 12a. 16 V.S.A. § 830 is added to read:

§ 830. PROHIBITION ON SCHOOL CLOSURE AND TRANSITION TO PAYING TUITION

A school district shall be prohibited from closing an existing school and providing for the education of its resident students by paying tuition for its students to attend a public or approved independent school chosen by the parents of the district’s students. A school district that closes an existing school shall provide for the education of its resident students by designating a public school or schools to serve as the public school of the district in accordance with sections 821, 822, and 827 of this title, as applicable.