TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 165 entitled “An act relating to school food programs and universal school meals” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by adding a reader assistance heading and new section to be Sec. 3a to read as follows:

* * * Appropriation * * *

Sec. 3a. APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL MEALS

The sum of $29,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Education Fund to the Agency of Education for fiscal year 2024 to provide reimbursement for school meals under 16 V.S.A. § 4017.

(Committee vote: ____________)

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Senator ________________

FOR THE COMMITTEE