



TO: Senate Government Operations Committee

FROM: Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

RE: S. 159 - An act relating to the county governance study committee

DATE: February 20, 2024

Good afternoon, I am Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association. Thank you for inviting me to testify on S.159, an act relating to the county governance study committee.

It is our understanding that the study committee formed by this bill would consider effective regional public services for individuals and municipalities. Since school districts are municipalities, we are requesting that the membership of the study committee be updated to include one member appointed by the Vermont School Boards Association.

Testimony to the Senate Government Operations Committee from the National Association of Counties provided information on the role counties play in education in other states. Although Vermont counties do not currently have a role in Vermont's education system, to the extent such a role would be under consideration by the study committee created by S.159, it would be important to include entities such as the Vermont School Boards Association in that conversation.

Thank you for considering adding a member appointed by the Vermont School Boards Association to the study committee in the bill.