

No. 124. An act relating to the provision of prekindergarten education in geographically isolated school districts.

(S.214)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 829 is amended to read:

§ 829. PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

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(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the NEK Choice School District may provide prekindergarten education to eligible prekindergarten students by paying tuition pursuant to this section to one or more prekindergarten programs operated by a public school in New Hampshire that is located in a school district within 25 miles of the Vermont border. The Essex North Supervisory Union shall be responsible for administering enrollment procedures and managing prekindergarten tuition payments pursuant to this section and State Board of Education rules. The superintendent may apply for and receive a waiver from the Agency of Education and Agency of Human Services of any rule provision that is impractical for the NEK Choice School District or the New Hampshire program by demonstrating that a substantially equivalent provision is offered.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

Date Governor signed bill: June 8, 2026