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2 An act relating to the provision of prekindergarten education in
3 geographically isolated school districts

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

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

6 § 829. PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

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

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.