

1 (b) Intent; plan.

2 (1) To ensure each student is provided substantially equal educational
3 opportunities that will prepare them to thrive in a 21st-century world, it is the intent of
4 the General Assembly to work strategically, intentionally, and thoughtfully to ensure that
5 each incremental change made to Vermont’s public education system provides strength
6 and support to its only constitutionally required governmental service.

7 (2) It is further the intent of the General Assembly to:

8 (A) in the 2026 session:

9 (i) enact new, larger school district boundaries;

10 (ii) enact updates to career and technical education governance systems, both
11 at the local and statewide levels, that are reflective of the larger public education
12 governance transformation to new, larger school districts and that provide a coordinated
13 and coherent statewide strategy for career and technical education that is responsive to
14 the state’s workforce needs;

15 (iii) enact student-centered updates to career and technical education funding
16 within a foundation formula; and

17 (iv) begin the process to create voting wards within each school district to
18 ensure school board membership is apportioned in such a manner as to achieve
19 substantially equal weighting of the votes of all voters in the election of school board
20 members;

21 (B) provide or enable the provision of the necessary staffing, resources, and
22 support to the Agency of Education, the Secretary of State’s Office, town clerks, and

1 other integral parties to the election system to hold the first school board member
2 elections within the newly created school districts in November 2028; and
3 (C) provide or enable the provision of the necessary staffing, resources, and
4 support to the Agency of Education, State Board of Education, and other integral parties
5 to ensure that the necessary guidance and funding is in place to allow for a smooth and
6 successful transition between the operation of Vermont’s current 119 school districts to
7 the new, larger school districts, with new school districts assuming responsibility for the
8 education of all resident students on July 1, 2029.

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