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2 Representatives Yacovone of Morristown and Olson of Starksboro move
3 that the report of the Committee on Education, as amended by the Committee
4 on Ways and Means, be further amended as follows:

5 First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 8a to read as follows:

6 Sec. 8a. 16 V.S.A. § 726 is added to read:

7 § 726. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURE

8 Before closing an elementary school that operates grades prekindergarten
9 through grade eight, or any subset of such grades, a school district shall obtain
10 the affirmative vote of the town in which the elementary school is located.

11 Second: In Sec. 95 effective dates, by striking out subsection (b) in its
12 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 (b) The following sections shall take effect on July 1, 2025:

14 (1) Sec. 3 (scale; intent);

15 (2) Sec. 6 (SBE rules; report);

16 (3) Sec. 7 (school size; intent);

17 (4) Sec. 8 (school closure requiring designation);

18 (5) Sec. 8a (elementary school closure);

19 (6) Sec. 11 (16 V.S.A. § 3443);

20 (7) Sec. 12 (School Construction Advisory Board sunset);

21 (8) Sec. 18 (16 V.S.A. § 828);

- 1 (9) Sec. 19 (tuition transition);
- 2 (10) Sec. 20 (statewide cohesion; intent);
- 3 (11) Sec. 21 (AOE report; school calendar; graduation requirements);
- 4 (12) Sec. 22 (State-level governance; intent);
- 5 (13) Sec. 23 (16 V.S.A. § 161);
- 6 (14) Sec. 24 (SBE appointments transition);
- 7 (15) Sec. 25 (16 V.S.A. § 162);
- 8 (16) Sec. 26 (SBE rule review; appropriation);
- 9 (17) Sec. 31 (special education report);
- 10 (18) Sec. 32 (AOE special education strategic plan);
- 11 (19) Sec. 33 (AOE position); and
- 12 (20) Sec. 93 (PVR hearing officer pay).