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Representative Greer of Bennington moves that the report of the Committee on Ways and Means be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 1, in subdivision (j)(1)(A)(viii), following “all grade levels from kindergarten through grade 12” by adding “, including use of a supervisory union structure where necessary to maintain existing tuition structures”

Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 27a to read as follows:
Sec. 27a. TUITION PAYMENT; SCHOOL OPERATION; INTENT

(a) All governance transitions contemplated pursuant to this act shall preserve the ability of a district that, as of the effective date of this section, provides for the education of all resident students in one or more grades by paying tuition on the students’ behalf, to continue to provide education by paying tuition on behalf of all students in the grade or grades if it chooses to do so and shall not result in the consolidation of any district into a merged entity with a dissimilar operating or tuitioning structure.

(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to restrict or repeal, or to authorize, encourage, or contemplate the restriction or repeal of, the ability of a school district that, as of the effective date of this section, provides for the education of all resident students in one or more grades:

1 (1) by paying tuition on the students' behalf, to continue to provide
2 education by paying tuition on behalf of all students in the grade or grades; or

3 (2) by operating a school offering the grade or grades, to continue to
4 provide education by operating a school for all students in the grade or grades.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (4) Sec. 8 (school closure);

12 (5) Sec. 11 (16 V.S.A. § 3443);

13 (6) Sec. 12 (School Construction Advisory Board sunset);

14 (7) Sec. 18 (16 V.S.A. § 828);

15 (8) Sec. 19 (tuition transition);

16 (9) Sec. 20 (statewide cohesion; intent);

17 (10) Sec. 21 (AOE report; school calendar; graduation requirements);

18 (11) Sec. 22 (State-level governance; intent);

19 (12) Sec. 23 (16 V.S.A. § 161);

20 (13) Sec. 24 (SBE appointments transition);

21 (14) Sec. 25 (16 V.S.A. § 162);

- 1 (15) Sec. 26 (SBE rule review; appropriation);
- 2 (16) Sec. 27a (tuition payment; school operation; intent);
- 3 (17) Sec. 31 (special education report);
- 4 (18) Sec. 32 (AOE special education strategic plan);
- 5 (19) Sec. 33 (AOE position); and
- 6 (20) Sec. 93 (PVR hearing officer pay).