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2 Senator Hardy moves that the report of the Committee on Education be
3 amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 1, findings, by adding a subdivision (5) to read as follows:

5 (5) For more than 125 years, public libraries have provided diverse
6 afterschool and summer programs and literacy opportunities to all children free
7 of charge. These programs often include literacy, arts, technology, or science
8 education; nutritious meals; and creative recreational activities.

9 Second: By striking out Sec. 3, 16 V.S.A. § 51, in its entirety and inserting
10 in lieu thereof the following:

11 Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 51 is amended to read:

12 § 51. UNIVERSAL AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER SPECIAL FUND

13 (a) The Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund is created, to be
14 managed by the Agency of Education. The cannabis sales tax revenue shall be
15 deposited into the Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund. The Fund
16 shall be used as follows:

17 (1) To establish a grant program that supports ~~the expansion of~~
18 sustaining or expanding universal afterschool and summer programs with a
19 focus on underserved areas of the State.

20 (2) Cannabis sales tax revenue shall be used to support a mixed delivery
21 system for afterschool and summer programming. Eligible recipients can be

1 public, private, or nonprofit organizations, including public libraries, schools,
2 and volunteer mentoring programs. The Agency may allocate a portion of the
3 funds annually to the Department of Libraries for the purpose of providing
4 subgrants to public libraries to sustain or create summer and afterschool
5 programming. A coalition or group of public libraries may also apply for a
6 grant from the Agency or Department.

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8 (D) The Agency may use up to ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$250,000.00 annually
9 for administrative costs to allow for the support of the grant program and
10 technical assistance to communities. This could include subcontracts to
11 support the grant program.

12 (E) The Agency shall create a simple application and reporting
13 process that reduces barriers to grant program participation for small,
14 community-based organizations, such as rural public libraries, volunteer
15 mentoring programs, and similar organizations.

16 (b) An advisory committee is created to support the Secretary in
17 administering the funds. The Agency shall provide administrative and
18 technical support to the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall be
19 composed of:

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21 (7) the Vermont Afterschool Executive Director or designee; ~~and~~

