

H.454 House Conferees' counter proposal

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1. Add the following language to Sec. 1 [*draft 4.1, pg. 3*]:
 - a. (iv) enact student-centered updates to career and technical education funding within a foundation formula that does not create competition between sending schools and career and technical education programs for available funds, nor exceed current spending levels;
2. Add the following language to the effective dates section
 - a. 16 V.S.A. § 4010(d)(5) shall take effect on July 1, 2029, contingent upon the General Assembly's receipt of:
 - i. the report required from the Agency of Education under Sec. 29, which shall include a plan to reduce extraordinary special education costs;
 - ii. the report required from the Joint Fiscal Office under Sec. 45a, which shall include a recommendation as to whether new special education weights shall be enacted; and
 - iii. an analysis by the Agency of Education regarding Vermont's compliance with the federal maintenance of effort and maintenance of financial obligation requirements under Vermont's new foundation formula.
3. Sec. 11. School Closure section [*draft 4.1, pg. 36-37; side by side, pg. 16-17*]
 - a. The House proposes reverting back to the language in Sec. 8 from the Senate's Proposal of Amendment
4. Add a requirement to Sec. 45a. [*draft 4.1, pg. 91*] to include a study of secondary weights within the foundation formula study
5. Accept the year faster timeline; offer contingent on inclusion of House property tax classification
6. Add two requirements to the Sec. 48a study [*draft 4.1, pg. 107-108*]:
 - a. examine the effects of allowing voters to approve spending more or less than a district's EOP would be calculated to be; and
 - b. if any town's tax rate is predicted to change significantly with the implementation of the foundation formula then the Dept. of Taxes shall recommend a solution to mitigate such changes, which the GA shall consider