

## **Senate Offer**

**5/29/2025**

### **Section 1. FINDINGS; INTENT; PLAN**

**Senate Cedes to House position with one exception:**

(C) larger supervisory districts or supervisory unions

### **Sec. 2. THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION; REPORTS SENATE POSITION**

### **Sec. 3 SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE REPORT**

**Senate Position with these changes**

**6 Legislators, 3 from House and 3 from Senate, not from the same party, Legislator Co-Chairs**

**1 each from VSBA, VSA, and VPA chair or designee**

No more than 2 maps. At least one of the maps shall use supervisory unions and supervisory districts....the rest of Senate language from (c) on p. 6 of side by side.

Omit (1) Maximum of 8,000 and renumber.

Include House Position (vii) minimum SD or SU of 4,000 and (B) CTE Programs

3 Public Hearings

Senate (d) Assistance, p. 9 of side-by-side

House (4) Reports and Maps from p. 8 of side-by-side

JFO shall call the first meeting on or before July 15, 2025

### **Sec. 2a Senate cedes to House Position**

### **Sec. 3a Punt to 2026, appropriation of \$250,000 to remain?**

**Sec. 5 EQS; EEO; INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MEETING EDUCATION QUALITY STANDARDS      SENATE POSITION**

**Sec. 6 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH EQS      SENATE AGREES WITH HOUSE**

**Sec. 7 SBE RULE; RULES; REPORT**

**SCHOOL SIZE**

- (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that Vermont will move toward modern, community elementary schools, more centralized middle schools, and regional high schools while recognizing that specialized niche schools will continue to play a key role in Vermont's education landscape.
- (b) It is further the intent of the General Assembly that in the event that a local electorate opposes the closing of a public school by a school district, a professional judgment panel will determine whether the school is viable.

**Sec. 8. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION      SENATE AGREES WITH HOUSE**

**PROHIBITION ON SCHOOL CLOSURE AND TRANSITION**

....geographically isolated area or in close proximity to an independent school approved to accept public tuition the applicable school district may provide for the education of its affected resident students by offering tuition pursuant to 16 V.S.A. Chapter 21.

**Sec. 18. TUITION TO APPROVED SCHOOLS**

**SENATE VERSION**

**Sec. 19 TUITION TRANSITION    SENATE AGREES WITH HOUSE**

**Sec. 20 STATEWIDE COHESION; INTENT      SENATE AGREES WITH HOUSE**

**Sec. 21. AOE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; REPORT  
AFTER CONSOLIDATION**

**Sec. 22. STATE-LEVEL GOVERNANCE; INTENT    SENATE AGREES WITH HOUSE**

**SEC. 29-33 of House Position            SENATE AGREES WITH HOUSE**

**SENATE Sec. 32 and 33**

**Sec. 37 SMALL SCHOOLS; SPARSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS; SUPPORT GRANTS  
SENATE VERSION. Municipality instead of zip code**

**Sec. 38-42. AGREED**

**Sec. 46    (17) Statewide Adjustment needs to be reinstated along with conforming  
references.**

**Sec. 48. What are the property tax rates if the Legislature doesn't set them?**