

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Education to which was referred Senate Bill No. 214
3 entitled “An act relating to the provision of prekindergarten education in
4 geographically isolated school districts” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 829 is amended to read:

8 § 829. PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

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10 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the NEK Choice
11 School District may provide prekindergarten education to eligible
12 prekindergarten students by paying tuition pursuant to this section to one or
13 more prekindergarten programs operated by a public school in New Hampshire
14 that is located in a school district within 25 miles of the Vermont border. The
15 Essex North Supervisory Union shall be responsible for administering
16 enrollment procedures and managing prekindergarten tuition payments
17 pursuant to this section and State Board of Education rules. The
18 superintendent may apply for and receive a waiver from the Agency of
19 Education and Agency of Human Services of any rule provision that is
20 impractical for the NEK Choice School District or the New Hampshire
21 program by demonstrating that a substantially equivalent provision is offered.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE