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2 Introduced by Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Branagan of Georgia,
3 Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Komline of Dorset, Krebs
4 of South Hero, Lefebvre of Newark, Savage of Swanton, and
5 Strong of Albany

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Education; amendment to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend
10 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46 to remove the requirement that newly merged
11 districts formed pursuant to No. 46 have a minimum average daily membership
12 of 900.

13 An act relating to amending 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Secs. 5 and 6 are amended to read:

16 Sec. 5. PREFERRED EDUCATION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE;

17 ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURE

18 (a) On or before July 1, 2019, the State shall provide educational
19 opportunities through sustainable governance structures designed to meet the

1 goals set forth in Sec. 2 of this act pursuant to one of the models described in
2 this section.

3 (b) Preferred structure: prekindergarten–grade 12 supervisory district
4 (Education District). The preferred education governance structure in Vermont
5 is a school district that:

6 (1) is responsible for the education of all resident prekindergarten
7 through grade 12 students;

8 (2) is its own supervisory district; and

9 (3) ~~has a minimum average daily membership of 900; and [Repealed.]~~

10 (4) is organized and operates according to one of the four most common
11 governance structures:

12 (A) a district that operates a school or schools for all resident students
13 in prekindergarten or kindergarten through grade 12;

14 (B) a district that operates a school or schools for all resident students
15 in prekindergarten or kindergarten through grade 8 and pays tuition for all
16 resident students in grade 9 through grade 12;

17 (C) a district that operates a school or schools for all resident students
18 in prekindergarten or kindergarten through grade 6 and pays tuition for all
19 resident students in grade 7 through grade 12; or

20 (D) a district that operates no schools and pays tuition for all resident
21 students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

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Sec. 6. ACCELERATED ACTIVITY; SUPERVISORY UNION
BECOMING A SUPERVISORY DISTRICT; ENHANCED TAX
INCENTIVES; SMALL SCHOOL SUPPORT; DATA AND
REPORT

(a) A newly formed school district shall receive the incentives set forth in subsection (b) of this section if it:

(1) is formed by merging the governance structures of all member districts of a supervisory union into one unified union school district pursuant to the processes and requirements of 16 V.S.A. chapter 11, and also could include merger with a neighboring supervisory district;

(2) obtains an affirmative vote of all “necessary” districts on or after July 1, 2015, and prior to July 1, 2016;

(3) is responsible for the education of all resident prekindergarten through grade 12 students;

(4) is its own supervisory district;

(5) ~~has a minimum average daily membership of 900 in its first year of operation; and~~ [Repealed.]

(6) is organized and operates according to one of the following common governance structures:

