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2 Representative Botzow of Pownal moves that the bill be amended as
3 follows:

4 First: After Sec. 35a and before the reader assistance for Sec. 36 by
5 inserting a new section to be Sec. 35b and a related reader assistance to read:

6 * * * Transportation; Provision by School District * * *

7 Sec. 35b. 16 V.S.A. § 261a(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) Duties. The board of each supervisory union shall:

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10 (8) provide the following services for the benefit of member districts in
11 a manner that promotes the efficient use of financial and human resources,
12 which shall be provided pursuant to joint agreements under section 267 of this
13 title whenever feasible; provided, however, if a supervisory union determines
14 that services would be provided more efficiently and effectively in another
15 manner, then it may ask the Secretary to grant it a waiver from this
16 subdivision:

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18 (E) ~~provide transportation or arrange for the provision of~~
19 ~~transportation, or both in any districts in which it is offered within the~~
20 ~~supervisory union; [Repealed.]~~

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1 (11) on or before June 30 of each year, adopt a budget for the ensuing
2 school year; ~~and~~

3 (12) adopt supervisory union-wide truancy policies consistent with the
4 model protocols developed by the Secretary; and

5 (13) provide transportation or arrange for the provision of
6 transportation, or both in any districts in which it is offered within the
7 supervisory union in a manner that promotes the efficient and effective use of
8 resources, which shall be provided pursuant to joint agreements under section
9 267 of this title whenever feasible; provided, however, a supervisory union
10 board has sole authority to apply to the Secretary for a waiver from this
11 subdivision (13) as follows:

12 (A) if the board of a member school district believes it can provide or
13 arrange for the provision of transportation in its district in a more efficient and
14 effective manner, then it may request the supervisory union board to apply to
15 the Secretary for a waiver;

16 (B) the supervisory union board shall consider the request of the
17 school district board and vote on whether to submit a waiver application;

18 (C) if the vote of the supervisory union board is in favor of
19 requesting a waiver, then the supervisory union board shall submit the waiver
20 application to the Secretary, including specific written findings supporting the
21 waiver; and

1 (D) the Secretary shall issue the waiver unless he or she concludes
2 that the findings of the supervisory union board are clearly erroneous.

3 Second: In Sec. 36 (effective dates), by inserting a new subsection to be
4 subsection (aa) to read:

5 (aa) Sec. 35b (transportation waivers) is effective on July 1, 2015.