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Representative Emmons of Springfield moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 19, sale of school buildings, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 19. SALE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 3448(b), the refund upon sale requirement shall not apply to:

(1) any union school district established under 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 on or after July 1, 2015; and

(2) any two or more districts that enter into a contract pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 11, subchapter 1 on or after July 1, 2015 to operate a school jointly.

(b) As used in subsection (a) of this section, a union school district established under 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 includes any integrated education system that obtains a favorable vote of all “necessary” districts as provided in this act, and any regional education district (RED) or any other district eligible to receive RED incentives pursuant to 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156 and 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 56.

1        Second: By adding a Sec. 19a to read as follows:

2        Sec. 19a. REVIEW OF THE REFUND UPON SALE REQUIREMENT

3        (a) The Agency of Education shall conduct a review of the school districts

4        subject to 16 V.S.A. § 3448(b). The review shall include:

5                (1) each school district that has received State aid for school

6        construction;

7                (2) the total amount of State aid for school construction that has been

8        refunded to the State;

9                (3) the percentage of the sale price that each school district would be

10        required to refund to the State upon the sale of a school building; and

11                (4) a list of all school buildings that are not in use for any purpose.

12        (b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Agency of Education shall report

13        to the House Committees on Education and on Corrections and Institutions and

14        the Senate Committees on Education and on Institutions on the review

15        described in subsection (a) of this section.

16        Third: By adding a Sec. 19b to read as follows:

17        Sec. 19b. SUNSET

18        Sec. 19 of this act (sale of school buildings) is repealed on November 30,

19        2017.