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MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Catherine Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

From: Rep. Kathryn Webb, Chair, House Committee on Education

Date: February 28, 2019

Subject: Appropriations; Education

Thank you for your memorandum dated February 8, 2019, concerning provisions in the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2020 State budget related to education. The Committee has reviewed your memorandum, and has the following recommendations:

- We support:
 - Secs. E.500 and E.500.1, which moves the financial obligation for contracted services to support statewide administrative education systems to the Education Fund.
 - Sec. E.602.1, which appropriates \$3,000,000.00 to hold the Vermont State Colleges' tuition rates level for one year.
 - Sec. E.605.1, which appropriates \$1,000,000.00 for non-degree grants administered by VSAC.
 - Sec. E.605.1(.2), which appropriates monies for need-based stipends for dual enrollment and early college students. The Committee also supports appropriating an additional \$13,000.00 to accommodate anticipated growth in participation in the dual enrollment program.
 - An appropriation of \$40,000.00 to be used as a grant for continued LGBTQ training as was being carried out under the CDC Health Training Grant, which is ending in the current fiscal year. This training is available statewide and continues to be crucial for the lives of LGBTQ youth.
 - An additional appropriation of \$50,000.00 to the Governor's proposed appropriation for the farm-to-school program that was previously funded with one-time funding.

- We do not support Sec. E.504.1, which proposes to fund dual enrollment one-hundred percent from the Education Fund. Currently, 50 percent of this funding comes from the Next Generation Initiative Fund, which was created for the purpose of promoting programs that encourage Vermonters to live and work in Vermont. We believe that dual enrollment furthers this goal and should continue to be funded as it is now.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

