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MONTPELIER – Gov. Peter Shumlin issued the following statement after the Senate Education Committee unanimously voted out tonight its amendment to the education bill (H. 361):

“I want to thank Chair Ann Cummings, Senate Leadership and the entire Senate Education Committee for their hard work and unanimous vote on a bill that will help to ensure equal education opportunity and quality for all Vermont students, while lowering the cost curve on our education spending. In January, I made a plea for us all to commit ourselves to listen to all ideas on this critical issue. I urged that the state form partnerships with communities to help them meet this challenge in ways that best suit their needs, while guaranteeing results that lower education costs for all of us.

“The legislature has come together to address the very serious challenges of our education system, where student enrollments are down 20 percent since 1998, we now have a less than 5 to 1 staff to student ratio, and our property taxes are rising faster than Vermonters' income. First the House and now the Senate Education Committee has delivered. I look forward to working with the Legislature to see this important work pass the finish line.”

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