

2019-2020 Session

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Senate Committee on Education

(Room 28)

The Senate Committee on Education has jurisdiction over matters relating to education, libraries, and literary or scientific subjects.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Friday, January 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM	Act 46
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Walk-through/review/progress update

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM Act 173

Walk-through/review/progress update

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM Act 46

Review/progress update

Krista Huling, Chair, State Board of Education
Peter Peltz, Member, State Board of Education
Donna Russo-Savage, Principal Assistant, School
Governance, Agency of Education

3:00 PM Act 11 Statewide Teachers' Health Care Bargaining

Review/progress update

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI)**

Progress update re: Board rebalancing

Mark Hage, Trust Administrator, VEHI

Bobby-Jo Salls, Trust Administrator, VEHI

Laura Soares, President, VEHI

-- **Vermont Legislative Research Service**

Anthony Gierzynski, Director, Vermont Legislative
Research Service

3:00 PM

S.9 - An act relating to conducting background checks for home study programs

Walk-through

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Retta Dunlap, Home School Advocate, Vermont Home
Education Network

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:30 PM Senate Sexual Harassment Prevention Presentation

Senate Chamber

-- Senate Floor

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Carolyn Wesley, Director, Building Bright Futures

**15 min
after Act 166 Pre-kindergarten**

Floor *Review*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, January 18, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **Independent Schools**

Introduction

Michael Livingston, President, Vermont Independent
Schools Association

Mill Moore, Executive Director, Vermont Independent
Schools Association

1:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Senate Protocols and Floor Decorum**

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **S.10 - An act relating to prekindergarten education**

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

1:45 PM **S.10 - An act relating to prekindergarten education**

Sherry Carlson, Senior Director of Programs, Let's Grow Kids

Sarah Kenney, Senior Director of Policy, Let's Grow Kids

3:00 PM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Introduction by sponsors and walk-through by Legislative Counsel

Sen. Tim Ashe, Sponsor

Sen. Brian Champion, Sponsor

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead
in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Molly Costanza-Robinson, Professor of Environmental
Chemistry, Middlebury College

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont
Department of Health

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of
Health

Bryan Redmond, Director, Drinking Water and
Groundwater Protection Division, Department of
Environmental Conservation

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM Association of Vermont Independent Colleges

Introduction and update

Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

2:00 PM Governor's FY 2020 Budget Address

Joint Assembly - House Chamber

**3:30 PM S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead
in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Rebecca Ellis, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Environmental Conservation

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, Vermont
Superintendents Association, VT Superintendents
Association, VT School Boards Association, VT
Principals' Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Bryan Redmond, Director, Drinking Water and
Groundwater Protection Division, Department of
Environmental Conservation

Friday, January 25, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Implicit Bias Training**

Ethan Allen Room

1:30 PM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead
in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest
Research Group

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont
Department of Health

Bryan Redmond, Director, Drinking Water and
Groundwater Protection Division, Department of
Environmental Conservation

2:00 PM

S.10 - An act relating to prekindergarten education

Betsy Aminata-Barstow, Provider, Nature's Ninos
Childcare

Cheryl Cummings, Assistant Director, Otter Creek Child
Center

Stacie Curtis, Early Education Coordinator, Burlington
School District

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, VT Department of Education

Linda January, Executive Director, Otter Creek Child
Center

Chloe Learey, Executive Director, Winston Prouty
Center for Child and Family Development

Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Child
Development Division, Department for Children and
Families

Kate Rogers, Early Learning Program Manager, Agency
of Education

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Agency of Education Census-Based Advisory Group Report**

Emily Byrne, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

2:00 PM **S.45 - An act relating to the eligibility of students attending approved independent schools that are parochial schools to be eligible for dual enrollment courses**

Introduction by sponsor and walk-through by Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

2:30 PM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Robin Boudreau, Facilities Manager, St. Albans City Elementary School

Joan Cavallo, Principal, St. Albans City Elementary School

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont Department of Health

Jamie Evans, Director of Facilities, Barre City
Elementary School

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, Vermont
Superintendents Association, VT Superintendents
Association, VT School Boards Association, VT
Principals' Association

Karen Trimboli, Principal, Ludlow Elementary School

**3:30 PM S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead
in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Committee discussion

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont
Department of Health

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, Vermont
Superintendents Association, VT Superintendents
Association, VT School Boards Association, VT
Principals' Association

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Bryan Redmond, Director, Drinking Water and
Groundwater Protection Division, Department of
Environmental Conservation

4:30 PM Association of Vermont Independent Colleges

Legislative Reception - Cedar Creek Room

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **Mental Health Advocacy Day**

**after
Floor**

Janice Sabett, Family Support Consultant, Vermont
Family Network

- - **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead
in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Jen Duggan, Vice President/Director, Conservation Law
Foundation

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont
Department of Health

Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director,
Vermont Natural Resources Council

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **Northeast Kingdom Collaborative**

**after
Floor**

Innovations and successes in education in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont

- McKenna Blay, Student, Lowell Graded School
- Taylor Falconer, Student, Lowell Graded School
- Melissa Jacobs, Board Chair, Craftsbury Saplings Childcare Center
- Miriah Langmaid, Student, Lowell Graded School
- Tom Lovett, Headmaster, St. Johnsbury Academy
- Sam Randall, Student, Lowell Graded School
- Kaylee Sargent, Student, Lowell Graded School
- Katherine Sims, Director, Northeast Kingdom Collaborative
- Haleigh Tetrault, Student, Lowell Graded School

2:15 PM **S.46 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools**

Introduction by sponsor and walk-through by Legislative Counsel

- James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, Vermont
Superintendents Association
Sen. Anthony Pollina, Sponsor

-- **S.39 - An act relating to voter approval of school district mergers ordered by the State Board of Education under Act 46**

Introduction by Sponsor

Sen. Anthony Pollina, Sponsor

3:00 PM S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities

Committee discussion

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Jen Duggan, Vice President/Director, Conservation Law Foundation

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont Department of Health

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association, VT Superintendents Association, VT School Boards Association, VT Principals' Association

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, February 1, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **UVM Vermont Extension Service**

Lena Ashooh, 4H Youth

Sarah Kleinman, Director of 4-H, Farmworker, and
Family Education Programs, University of Vermont
Extension

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

Lauren Traister, Teen and Leadership Specialist, UVM
Extension

1:30 PM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead
in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Committee discussion, mark-up and vote

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.3 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools**

Introduction of bill by co-sponsors

Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, Sponsor, Hartford

Rep. Dylan Giambatista, Sponsor, Essex Junction

3:00 PM **Census-Based Funding Advisory Group Report**

Meagan Roy, Chair, Census-Based Funding Advisory Group

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **Farm to School**

**after
Floor**

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Beth Miller, Community Impact Director, Rutland County Parent Child Center

Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director, Vermont FEED

-- **H.3 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools**

Brenda Churchill, Statehouse Liaison, LGBTQIA Alliance of Vermont

Amanda Garces, Founder, Vermont Coalition for Ethnic and Social Equity in Schools

Krista Huling, Chair, State Board of Education

Tabitha Pohl-Moore, President, NAACP - Rutland

Laura Soares, President, VSBIT

Tim Vincent, Multi-Line Program Manager, VSBIT

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **H.3 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies**
after **standards for public schools**
Floor

Abdullah Ansari

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Amanda Garces, Founder, Vermont Coalition for Ethnic
and Social Equity in Schools

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Mara Iverson, Director of Education, Outright Vermont

Robin Morgan, Member, Brattleboro Town School Board

Bruce Pandya, U32 Student

Amy Small, Ohavi Zedek Synagogue

Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-
Abenaki Nation

Friday, February 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM

H.3 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools

Testimony, mark-up and possible vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

David Edelson, Temple Sinai Vermont

David Fainsilber, Jewish Community of Greater Stowe

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Amanda Garces, Founder, Vermont Coalition for Ethnic
and Social Equity in Schools

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association, VT School Boards Association,
VT Superintendents Association, VT Principals'
Association

Sequean Zev Mahnke

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

MaryAnn Songhurst, Student, Montpelier High School

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S. - An act relating to a study of how to best deliver Vermont Technical College certificate and degree programs at career technical education centers in Vermont**

CTE/Expansion of Early College

Patricia Coates, Director of Government and External Affairs, Vermont State Colleges

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of Administration

2:00 PM **S.38 - An act relating to the creation of a tuition-free scholarship program for Vermont students**

Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer, Vermont State Colleges

2:30 PM **University of Vermont Annual Update**

Thomas Sullivan, President, University of Vermont

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **Hearing on Governor's Appointment**

**after
Floor**

Daniel French as Secretary of the Agency of Education

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

-- Act 77 Grading Standards

Sen. Joe Benning, Sponsor

Sen. Brian Champion, Sponsor

Dan Cunningham, Parent

Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways,
Agency of Education

Pat Fitzsimmons, Proficiency-Based Learning Team
Leader, Agency of Education

Andrew Jones, Director of Curriculum, Mill River Unified
Union School District

Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

Sen. Anthony Pollina, Sponsor

Sen. Robert Starr

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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15 min after Floor	S.38 - An act relating to the creation of a tuition-free scholarship program for Vermont students
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Walk-through by Legislative Counsel and committee discussion

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, February 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM

The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship

Nasser Abdel-Fatah, Graduate, Northern Vermont University

Allison Aguilar, Senior Research Associate, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO

Sarah Alexander, President, United Academics-UVM Faculty

Rowie Budde, Student, Castleton University

Kate Gold, President, Vermont State Colleges United Professionals

Kathleen Moore, Faculty member, Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation-Community College of Vermont Faculty

Linda Olson, Vice President for Higher Education, American Federation of Teachers VT

Heather Riemer, Director, American Federation of Teachers VT

Julie Roberts, President Elect, United Academics

Taylor Sanders, Student, Castleton University

Alexandra Timmins, Student, Vermont Technical College

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Senate Appropriations Committee Amendments to H.3**

Committee discussion

1:45 PM **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship**

Committee discussion

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 min
after
Floor** **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship**

Committee discussion

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

-- **Perspectives on K-12 Public Education**

Marielle Blais, Speech Language Pathologist, Otter Valley Union High School

Tara Cariano, School Counselor, Harwood Union High School

April Morse, Kindergarten teacher, Poultney Elementary School

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association

Donald Tinney, President, Vermont National Education Association

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM	Election of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of UVM and State Agricultural College
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Joint Assembly

1:30 PM

S.63 - An act relating to expanding dual enrollment to students who attend schools outside of Vermont

Walk-through by Legislative Counsel, witness testimony, and committee discussion

Emily Byrne, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways, Agency of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

-- Finland's School System

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

Lasse Siurala, International Expert on Youth Culture

Friday, February 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM

Education Funding

Emily Byrne, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

Paul Cillo, President, Public Assets Institute

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Chloe Wexler, Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

-- Restorative Justice Grant Program

Emily Byrne, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

Emily Byrne, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

Jody Emerson, Associate Principal, U-32 High School

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education

Annie O'Shaughnessy, President, True Nature Teaching

Meg Porcella, Education Programs Coordinator, Agency of Education

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Perspectives on K-12 Public Education**

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Eric Krull, Teacher, Mansfield Union High School

Tom Payeur, 2019 Teacher of the Year, Winooski High
School

Nora Skolnick, Teacher, Randolph Elementary School

2:00 PM **Healthcare Bargaining Language**

Jill Charbonneau, President, Vermont Labor Council,
AFL-CIO

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

- - **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship**

Marilyn Cargill, Vice President, Financial Aid Services,
Marketing and Research, Vermont Student
Assistance Corporation

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tom Little, General Counsel, Vermont Student
Assistance Corporation

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to
education law**

Post-Secondary Educational Institutions Closing

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wendy Koenig, Federal Relations and Legislative
Liaison, University of Vermont

Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

- - **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship/AVIC
language**

Patricia Coates, Director of Government and External
Affairs, Vermont State Colleges

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Wendy Koenig, Federal Relations and Legislative
Liaison, University of Vermont

Michele Kupersmith, Former State Legislator

Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Jacki Murphy, Interim Vice President of Enrollment,
Saint Michael's College

Heidi Peterson, Parent, Stamford, Vermont

Hunter Seymour, Student, Castleton University

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to**
after **education law**
Floor

Campus Sexual Assault Task Force

Rep. Selene Colburn, Burlington

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Sydney Ovitt, Student, University of Vermont

Susan Parsons Ritter, Special Assistant to the President,
Associate Secretary of the Corporation and Director
of Community Relations, Middlebury College

Sharon Reich Paulsen, General Counsel, University of
Vermont

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Friday, March 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM S.63 - An act relating to expanding dual enrollment to students who attend schools outside of Vermont

Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Julie Mach, School Director, Mettawee School District

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

2:00 PM S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law

Campus Sexual Assault Task Force

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law

Post-Secondary Educational Institutions Closing - AVIC language

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

The General Assembly is on break for Town Meeting week

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.39 - An act relating to the extension of the deadline of school district mergers required by the State Board of Education**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Rep. Heidi E. Scheuermann, Sponsor

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

Cara Zimmerman, Chair, Stowe School Board

-- **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law**

Post-Secondary Educational Institutions Closing

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

3:00 PM S. - An act relating to a study of how to best deliver Vermont Technical College certificate and degree programs at career technical education centers in Vermont

CTE/Expansion of Early College

Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Education

Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways,
Agency of Education

Jay Ramsey, Director, Career and Technical Education,
Agency of Education

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 min
after
Floor** **H.39 - An act relating to the extension of the deadline of
school district mergers required by the State Board of
Education**

Patrick Flood, Member, Woodbury School Board

Allen Gilbert, Member, Worcester School Board

Kristina Naylor, Chair, Dummerston School Board

Andrew Pond, Chair, Mt. Mansfield Modified Union
School District and Chittenden East Supervisory
Union Board

Donna Russo-Savage, Principal Assistant for School
Governance, Agency of Education

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

- - **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to
education law**

Post-Secondary Educational Institutions Closing

Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 min
after
Floor** **H.39 - An act relating to the extension of the deadline of
school district mergers required by the State Board of
Education**

- Devin Bachelder, Citizen, Franklin, Vermont
- Bob Berger, Citizen, Franklin, Vermont
- Cheryl Charles, Member, Westminster School Board
- Andy Davis, Member, Brattleboro Town School Board
- James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel
- Mary Niles, Chair, Montgomery School Board
- Neil Odell, Vice President, Vermont School Boards
Association
- John Pandolfo, Superintendent, Barre Supervisory
Union
- Sonya Spaulding, Chair, Barre City School Board
- Paul Susen, Chair, Huntington School Board
- Scott Thompson, School Board Member, U-32 School
Board
- Miles Tudhope, Citizen, Orwell, Vermont

-- **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to
education law**

Campus Sexual Assault

Jeff Nolan

Friday, March 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Floor

1:00 PM **H.39 - An act relating to the extension of the deadline of school district mergers required by the State Board of Education**

Committee discussion, mark-up and vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

- - **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law**

Committee discussion, mark-up and vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	Student Data Privacy
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Charity Clark, Assistant Attorney General, Office of
Vermont Attorney General

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Ryan Krieger, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

--	School Nutrition Day
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Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont
Heather Torrey, Assistant Director, Burlington School
Food Project

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **Student Data Privacy**

**after
Floor**

Committee discussion

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

-- **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Rowie Budde, Student, Castleton University

Marilyn Cargill, Vice President, Financial Aid Services,
Marketing and Research, Vermont Student
Assistance Corporation

Jeff Hazard, Student, Castleton University

Ryan Heath, Student, Castleton University

Carlie Larrow, Student, Castleton University

Tom Little, General Counsel, Vermont Student
Assistance Corporation

Kendra Ross, Student, Castleton University

Chloe Wexler, Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Meeting Details

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1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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15 min after Floor	H.140 - An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on Special Education
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*Introduction by sponsor, walk-through by legislative
counsel, and witness testimony*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Troy McAllister, Chair, Special Education Advisory
Council

Rachel Seelig, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Rep. Kathryn Webb, Sponsor

Friday, March 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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- -	The Senate Education Committee will not be meeting this afternoon
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Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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9:00 AM	Committee discussion of proposed amendments to H.39 and S.164
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9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM **H.140 - An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on Special Education**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Tonya Rutkowski, State Systemic Improvement Plan and
Monitoring Coordinator, Agency of Education

Traci Sawyers, Executive Director, Vermont Council of
Special Education Administrators

Rachel Seelig, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

2:30 PM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Committee discussion

3:00 PM **H.39 - An act relating to the extension of the deadline of school district mergers required by the State Board of Education**

Committee discussion of proposed amendment

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates

Joint Assembly

1:00 PM Senate Floor

3:30 PM S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law

Career Technical Education

Patricia Coates, Director of Government and External Affairs, Vermont State Colleges

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

3:40 PM Governor's Appointments

3:45 PM H.140 - An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on Special Education

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Troy McAllister, Chair, Special Education Advisory
Council

Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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3:30 PM	The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship
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Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Friday, March 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **Queer Youth Leadership Day**

Dana Kaplan, Executive Director, Outright Vermont
Oskar Neuburger, Student, Montpelier High School
Ezra Totten, Student, Burlington High School

2:30 PM **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship**

Zella McMahon, Student, Montpelier High School
Ben Richardson-Skinder, Student, Montpelier High School
Eva Stumpf, Student, Montpelier High School

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Act 173**

Committee discussion

1:45 PM H.140 - An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on Special Education

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst,
Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
Rachel Seelig, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid
Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

2:15 PM H.521 - An act relating to amending the special education laws

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

2:30 PM H.140 - An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on Special Education

Committee discussion

-- Perspectives on Vermont Education

Governor's Institutes

Karen Taylor-Mitchell, Executive Director, Governor's
Institutes of Vermont

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to
education law**

Career Technical Education

Patricia Coates, Director of Government and External
Affairs, Vermont State Colleges

-- **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to
education law**

Student debt letter

Alena Berube, Special Education Finance Director,
Agency of Education

Emily Byrne, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of
Education

Gabrielle Malina, Partner, Komline Consulting
Government Relations

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

3:15 PM **H.521 - An act relating to amending the special
education laws**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association, VSBA, VSA, VSPA, VCSEA

Meagan Roy, Chair, Census-Based Funding Advisory
Group

-- **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Friday, April 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Floor

1:00 PM The Senate Education Committee will not be meeting this afternoon

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM H.140 - An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on Special Education

Mark-up

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

-- **H.521 - An act relating to amending the special education laws**

Mark-up

Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs, Vermont State Colleges

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	Act 173
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James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Brenda Fleming, Former President, Vermont
Association of School Business Officials

Mill Moore, Executive Director, Vermont Independent
Schools Association

-- **H.521 - An act relating to amending the special
education laws**

*Merging of H.140 into H.521, walk-through of draft 1.1, and
committee discussion*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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**15 min
after
Floor**

Act 173

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Tom Lovett, Headmaster, St. Johnsbury Academy

-- The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, April 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.521 - An act relating to amending the special
education laws**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

2:30 PM

Perspectives on Vermont Education

Lisa Bernardin, Coordinator, VT Brain Bee

Aiden May, Student, University of Vermont

Isabelle Petrucci, Student, Essex High School

2:45 PM

Act 173

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

1:30 PM

Universal PreK Research Partnership Study

*Senate and House Education Committees Joint Hearing -
Room 11*

Kyle DeMeo, Senior Research Associate, Regional
Educational Laboratory Northeast and Islands at
Education Development Center

Clare Irwin, Senior Research Associate, Regional
Educational Laboratory Northeast and Islands at
Education Development Center

-- **Governor's Appointments**

Jason Broughton, State Librarian, Department of
Libraries

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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15 min after Floor	H.521 - An act relating to amending the special education laws
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Delay in the implementation of Act 173

Alena Berube, Special Education Finance Director,
Agency of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

- - **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law**

Repealing Teacher's Oath

Peter Amons, Business Manager, Rutland City School District

Alena Berube, Special Education Finance Director, Agency of Education

Edward Connors, Business Manager, Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education

Brenda Fleming, Former President, Vermont Association of School Business Officials

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents Association

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

Dylan McNamara, Co-Director of Student Support Services, Essex-Westford School District, VT Council of Special Educators

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min **H.521 - An act relating to amending the special**
after **education laws**
Floor

Mark-up and vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:15 PM **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to**
education law

Repealing Teacher's Oath

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Mosaic Learning Center

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

2:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

Friday, April 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

- **Senate Education Committee is not meeting today**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Pre-Kindergarten Education Legislative Study Report**

Senate and House Joint Committee Hearing - Room 11

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Erin Huckle, Research Associate, Education
Development Center

Clare Irwin, Senior Research Associate, Education
Development Center

3:30 PM **Uniform Chart of Accounts**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Tom Holland, Project Manager, Agency of Digital
Services

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

12:00 PM	Institutional Racism in America's Judicial System and Society
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Senate Chamber

Gilbert King, Author of "Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America"

2:00 PM	Senate Floor
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Thursday, April 25, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **Field Trip - St. Johnsbury Academy**

2:30 PM **H.521 - An act relating to amending the special
education laws**

Senate Appropriations proposed amendment

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

-- **Farm to School**

Committee discussion of H.79

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont
Department of Health

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition
Programs, Agency of Education

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, April 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

12:15 PM	Senate Floor
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1:15 PM	S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities
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Committee discussion

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM **The Creation of a Tuition-Free Scholarship**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 min
after
Floor**

S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law

VTNEA proposed language

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National
Education Association

-- Healthcare Bargaining

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 min
after
Floor **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law**

Uniform Chart of Accounts and E-Finance System

Kathy Barron, Business Manager, Essex-Westford School District

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rick Pembroke, Chief Financial Officer, Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union

Cheryl Scarzello, Director of Finance, Addison-Fairhaven Union High School

-- **S.164 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law**

VTNEA proposed language

Bernie Lambek, Zalinger, Cameron & Lambek, P.C.

Pietro Lynn, Lynn, Lynn, Blackman & Manitsky, P.C.

Rebecca McBroom, Staff Attorney, VTNEA

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead
in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor,
Vermont Department of Health

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **Teacher Appreciation Day**

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

2:30 AM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **S.40 - An act relating to testing and remediation of lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities**

Proposal of Amendment

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

-- **Committee Discussion**

The Senate Education Committee will not be meeting this afternoon

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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The Senate Education Committee is not meeting this afternoon

Friday, May 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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The Senate Education Committee is not meeting this afternoon

Monday, May 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Senate Floor
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Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

4:00 PM	Senate Floor
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Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

TBA	Senate Floor
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Thursday, May 16, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

TBA	Senate Floor
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Friday, May 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

TBA **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **Act 66 Update**

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor,
Vermont Department of Health

2:30 PM **Session Priorities**

Committee discussion

-- **S.271 - An act relating to the creation of a Community
College of Vermont tuition-free scholarship program for
Vermont residents**

Introduction by sponsor and committee discussion

Sen. Ruth Hardy

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM **Statewide Teachers' Healthcare Bargaining**

Update

Suzanne Dirmaier, Director, Uniserve, Northwestern
Vermont

Joseph McNeil, Chief Negotiator, Employer
Commissions

-- **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school
employee health benefits**

Introduction of bill by sponsor

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Joseph McNeil, Chief Negotiator, Employer
Commissions

Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Sponsor

3:30 AM Pupil Weighting Formula

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

4:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM Governor's State of the State Address

Joint Assembly - House Chamber

**15 min
after
Governor's
Address**

Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI)

Update

Joel Cook, Director, Vermont Education Health Initiative
Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Friday, January 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:00 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of Education**

Review reorganization proposal

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

-- **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws**

Review proposed strike-all and amendment language for a miscellaneous education committee bill

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Rachel Seelig, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of Education**

Status update on the powers and duties of the State Board of Education

John Carroll, Chair, State Board of Education

-- **S.335 - An act relating to universal access to afterschool programs**

Committee discussion

4:00 PM **New England Board of Higher Education Reception**

Cedar Creek Room

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **Review Reports due to Senate Education Committee**
Committee discussion

-- **Agency of Education Organization**

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education
Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

2:30 PM **University of Vermont Annual Update**

Suresh Garimella, President, University of Vermont

3:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.46 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies
standards for public schools**

*Testimony and discussion of a committee bill pertaining to
special education and equalized pupil weighting formula*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Tammy Kolbe, Associate Professor, Leadership and
Development Sciences, University of Vermont

-- **S.326 - An act relating to the State Advisory Panel on
Special Education**

Review, mark-up and vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Jacqueline Kelleher, State Director of Special
Education, Agency of Education

Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.271 - An act relating to the creation of a Community College of Vermont tuition-free scholarship program for Vermont residents**

Joyce Judy, President, Community College of Vermont
Wendy Koenig, Federal and State Relations and
Legislative Liaison, University of Vermont
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor, Vermont State Colleges
System

-- **S.335 - An act relating to universal access to afterschool programs**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM Act 46 Update

Donna Russo-Savage, Principal Assistant for School Governance, Agency of Education

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:55 PM Senate Floor Convenes

2:00 PM Governor's 2020 Budget Address

Joint Assembly - House Chamber

15 min after Governor's Budget Address **Vermont National Guard**
Ken Gragg, Deputy Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard
Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard

-- **S.248 - An act relating to requiring gender balance on the University of Vermont's Board of Trustees**

Introduction of bill by sponsor and walk-through by legislative counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Paul Bierman, Professor of Geology, University of
Vermont

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission
on Women

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

12:00 PM	Community College of Vermont's 50th Anniversary Celebration
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Cedar Creek room

1:00 PM	Senate Floor Convenes
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**15 min
after
Floor**

Remarks on the State College System

Emily Casey, Treasurer, American Federation of Teachers-Vermont

Linda Olson, Vice President for Higher Education, Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation

Randi Weingarten, President, National American Federation of Teachers

-- S.223 - An act relating to universal school breakfast and lunch for all public school students

Introduction of bill by sponsors

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association

Sen. Robert Starr, Sponsor

4:30 PM

Working Vermont Reception

Statehouse cafeteria

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.335 - An act relating to universal access to afterschool programs**

Mark-up

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

-- **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of Education**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Afterschool Program

3:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

Friday, January 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school
employee health benefits**

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Neil Odell, President, Vermont School Boards
Association

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National
Education Association

-- **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of
Education**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **NEK Day**

Aero Burnell, Student, Newport City Elementary School
John Castle, Superintendent, North Country Supervisory
Union
Abigail Dunn, Student, Newport City Elementary School
Isaiah Fortin, Student, North Country Union Junior High
Riley Fraiser, Student, Newport City Elementary School
Elliot Goff, Student, North Country Union Junior High

Ashlyn Janci, Student, North Country Union Junior High
Jeane Kadmiri, Guidance Counselor, Newport City
Elementary School

Collen Moore de Ortiz, Parent, Newport, Vermont

Becca Munkelwitz, Alumni, Northern Vermont University

Gabe Ortez, Student, Newport City Elementary School

Jayden Perry, Student, North Country Union Junior High

Tersa Piette, Teacher, North Country Union Junior High

Gwen Roberge, Student, Newport City Elementary
School

Charlotte Royer, Student, Newport City Elementary
School

McKenna Ward, Student, North Country Union High
School

2:00 PM S.328 - An act relating to student athlete compensation

Introduction of bill by sponsor

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

**-- S.281 - An act relating to the Working Group on the
Status of Libraries in Vermont**

Jason Broughton, State Librarian, Department of
Libraries

Dana Hart, Librarian, Ilsley Library, Middlebury

Bruce Post, Chair, Board of Libraries

Kevin Unrath, Librarian, Pierson Library, Shelburne

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.323 - An act relating to the provision of menstrual
hygiene products in schools**

Introduction and walk-through of bill

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

-- **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of
Education**

John Carroll, Chair, State Board of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Erik Remmers, Chair, Vermont Standards Board for
Professional Educators

Donald Tinney, President, Vermont National Education
Association

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous
changes to education laws**

*Review proposed strike-all and amendment language
pertaining to School Wellness*

Olivia Cooper, 2nd year medical student

Rachel Harrison, 2nd year medical student

Jugerta Istrefi, 2nd year medical student

Colby McGinn, 2nd year medical student

John O'Keefe, 2nd year medical student

PJ Tran, 2nd year medical student

Tina Zuk, Government Relations Director, American
Heart Association

-- **S.323 - An act relating to the provision of menstrual
hygiene products in schools**

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Friday, January 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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1:30 PM	S.271 - An act relating to the creation of a Community College of Vermont tuition-free scholarship program for Vermont residents
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Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Marilyn Cargill, Vice President, Financial Aid Services,
Marketing and Research, Vermont Student
Assistance Corporation

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

-- **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws**

Draft 1.1 Proposed strike-all amendment

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Joseph McNeil, Chief Negotiator, Employer
Commissioners

Neil Odell, President, Vermont School Boards
Association

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National
Education Association

**3:00 PM S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous
changes to education laws**

*Testimony on Draft 2.1 proposed strike-all and
amendment language pertaining to menstrual hygiene in
schools, and school wellness*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Katherine Duprat, School Nurse, Harwood Union High
School

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Sophia Hall, School Nurse, Miller's Run school

Kelly Landwehr, Lead School Nurse, Middlebury Union
High School

Becca McCray, School Nurse, Edmunds Middle School

Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont
Medical Society

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

15 min **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of**
after **Education**
Floor

Introduction of bill by sponsor

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

3:00 PM **S.281 - An act relating to the Working Group on the**
Status of Libraries in Vermont

Testimony, mark-up and vote

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Bryn Geffert, Librarian, University of Vermont

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

-- **Committee meeting cancelled**

Friday, February 7, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

-- **Senate Education Committee is not meeting today**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:00 PM **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits**

Committee discussion

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

1:30 PM **S.334 - An act relating to increasing gradually the mandatory age of school attendance**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Sen. Alice W. Nitka, Sponsor

-- **Proficiency Based Learning and Notation**

John Carroll, Chair, State Board of Education

Kim Gleason, Member, State Board of Education

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Peter Peltz, Member, State Board of Education

2:45 PM **Proficiency Based Learning and Notation**

*Joint hearing with Senate and House Education
Committees. Room 11*

John Carroll, Chair, State Board of Education

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **Proficiency Based Learning and Notation**

Sierra Henderson, Student, U-32 High School

Mike McRaith, Assistant Executive Director, Vermont
Principals Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Hannah Rea, Student, U-32 High School

Ruby Singer, Student, U-32 High School

Donald Tinney, President, Vermont National Education
Association

3:00 PM **Vermont Farm to School**

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director,
Vermont Farm to School Network

Maggie Rubick, Preschool Teacher, Northshire Day
School

Jodie Stewart-Ruck, Principal, Shrewsbury Mountain
School

**3:15 PM S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of
Education**

John Carroll, Chair, State Board of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

15 min Proficiency Based Learning and Notation

**after
Floor**

Chip Genung, Student and Legislative Page

Alexander Haag, Student, Bellows Free Academy, St.
Albans

Gabe Hamilton, Proficiency-based Learning
Coordinator, Mount Abraham Unified High School

Andrew Jones, President, Vermont Curriculum Leaders
Association

Michael Martin, Director of Learning, South Burlington
Supervisory District

Addie Nevitt, Home School Student and Legislative
Page

John Painter, Math Department Chair and teacher,
South Burlington High School

Addison Pinard, Student and Legislative Page

Jaxon Schaarschmidt, Student, Bellows Free Academy,
St. Albans

David Young, Superintendent, South Burlington
Supervisory District

Friday, February 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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1:00 PM	S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits
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Committee discussion

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

-- **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of
Education**

Committee discussion

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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1:30 PM	Proficiency Based Learning and Notation
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Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Mary Newman, Assistant Head of School, The Sharon
Academy

-- **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school
employee health benefits**

Possible mark-up and vote

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

**3:00 PM S.46 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies
standards for public schools**

Pupil weighting study

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Chloe Wexler, Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.46 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies
standards for public schools**

Pupil weighting study

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

-- **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school
employee health benefits**

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **Election of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges**
Joint Assembly

11:15 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Cynthia Gardner-Morse, Literacy Tutor

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Kara Quinn, Teacher, Edmunds Elementary School

Stephanie Waite, Professional Learning Director, Stern
Learning Center

3:00 PM **S.325 - An act relating to amending the State Board of Education's special education rules**

Cynthia Gardner-Morse, Literacy Tutor

Kara Quinn, Teacher, Edmunds Elementary School

Stephanie Waite, Professional Learning Director, Stern
Learning Center

3:30 AM **S.274 - An act relating to the school start time for high school students**

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Friday, February 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.328 - An act relating to student athlete compensation**

Tacy Lincoln, Associate Director of Athletics, St.
Michael's College

Tony Mariano, Athletic Director, Norwich University

Kailyn Myshrall, UVM Student Representative, NCAA
Student Advisory Committee

Skyler Nash , Student Athlete, University of Vermont

Cathleen Rahill, Manager, UVM Student Athletic
Services

-- **S.274 - An act relating to the school start time for high school students**

Introduction by Sponsor and witness testimony

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents Association

Evelyn Gray, Teacher, Middlebury Union Middle School

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

Chelsea Myers, Director of Communications and Professional Development, Vermont Superintendents Association

Pallas Snider Ziporyn, Project Manager, Brigham and Women's Hospital Division of Sleep and Circadian Disorders

Terra Ziporyn Snider, Executive Director, Start School Later, Inc.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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11:30 AM **Implicit Bias Training**

Legislative Lounge

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights
Commission

2:00 PM **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school
employee health benefits**

Committee discussion

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

-- **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous
changes to education laws**

*Committee discussion of proposed strike-all and
miscellaneous education language*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Susan Yesalonic, Health Education Specialist, Agency of
Education

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:45 PM **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws**

The title of S.224 is outdated. It is now the Miscellaneous Education bill. The subject of today's testimony is menstrual hygiene products in schools

-- **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits**

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

3:00 PM **S.248 - An act relating to requiring gender balance on the University of Vermont's Board of Trustees**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

J. Churchill Hindes, Chair, Vermont State Colleges
Board of Trustees

Wendy Koenig, Federal and State Relations and
Legislative Liaison, University of Vermont

Ron Lumbr, Incoming Chair, Board of Trustees,
University of Vermont

3:30 PM UVM's Land Grant Mission in Action

Reception: Cafeteria

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

**1:30 PM S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of
Education**

John Carroll, Chair, State Board of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

-- **S.226 - An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits**

Mark-up and vote

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

4:00 PM Proficiency Based Learning and Notation

Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways, Agency of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Pat Fitzsimmons, Proficiency-Based Learning Team Leader, Agency of Education

Friday, February 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.328 - An act relating to student athlete compensation**

Committee discussion

-- **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous
changes to education laws**

*The title of S.224 is outdated. The subject matter is now
the Miscellaneous Education bill*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

-- **Committee Field Trip**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.166 - An act relating to reforming the State Board of
Education**

Mark-up and vote

John Carroll, Chair, State Board of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

4:00 PM **Pupil Weighting Study**

Public hearing in Room 11

Peter Barus, Whitingham, Vermont

Jennifer Botzojorns, Superintendent, Kingdom East
Supervisory Union

John Castle, Superintendent, North Country Supervisory Union

Karen Chitamber, North Country Supervisory Union

Al Claussen, Townshend, Vermont

Elaine Collins, North Country Supervisory Union

Rus Cumming, Windham, Vermont

Leanne Desjardins, North Country Supervisory Union

Bill Dunkel, Windham, Vermont

Kristy Ellis, North Country Supervisory Union

Deborah Greene, Windham, Vermont

Steve Gross, Middlebury, Vermont

Martha Hafner, Randolph, Vermont

Margaret Keir, Huntington, Vermont

David Kelly, Greensboro, Vermont

Douglas Korb, School Board Member, Marlboro, Vermont

Scott Kord, Windham, Vermont

Eric LaMontagne, South Burlington, Vermont

Dan MacArthur, School Board Member, Marlboro, Vermont

William Mathis, Goshen, Vermont

Immay Maurath, Windham, Vermont

Sean McMannon, Superintendent, Winooski School District

Kathy Olwell, Burlington, Vermont

Joe Pawelczyk, Windham, Vermont

Keith Pillsbury, Burlington, Vermont

Kathy Scott, Windham, Vermont

Katherine Sims, Craftsbury, Vermont

Meg Staloff, Wilmington, Vermont

Samantha Stevens, North Country Supervisory Union

Clare Wool, Board Chair, Burlington School District

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15 min
after
Floor** **S.46 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies
standards for public schools**

*Testimony, committee discussion and mark-up of
proposed pupil weighting language*

Don Collins, Citizen

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

-- **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous
changes to education laws**

The title of S.224 is outdated. The subject matter is now the Miscellaneous Education bill. Committee discussion and mark-up.

Katie Ballard, Advisory Council on Child Poverty and Strengthening Families Representative, VT Coalition For Disability Rights

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, March 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

1:30 PM **S.46 - An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools**

Final mark-up and vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

-- **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws**

The title of S.224 is outdated. The subject matter is now the Miscellaneous Education bill. Final mark-up and vote.

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	Committee Discussion of Covid-19
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NOTE: This meeting will be held as a conference call. To participate or listen in to the call, please call 1-877-278-2734 and use the Pin#172076.

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Current State of Play Around School Closures and Resulting Implications**

Note: This meeting will be held as a conference call. To participate or listen in, please call 1-877-278-2734 and use Pin #172076

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst,
Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Dan French, Secretary of Education

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

3:00 PM **Progress Reports**

School Dismissal

Childcare

Continuity of Education

Jeanné Collins, Superintendent, Rutland Northeast
Supervisory Union

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM **Special Education K-12**

*Joint hearing with Senate Health and Welfare
Please click for the livestream.*

Anastasia Douglas, Parent

Jacqueline Kelleher, State Director of Special
Education, Agency of Education

Erin Maguire, Special Education Administrator/Westford-
Essex School District, Vermont Council of Special
Education Administrators

Kirsten Murphy, Executive Director, Vermont
Developmental Disabilities Council

Rachel Seelig, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid
Disability Law Project, Vermont Special Education
Advisory Council

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response Updates

Joint Hearing with Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

Live-streamed on Senate Health and Welfare Committee page

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Laurel Olmland, Director, Child, Adolescent, and Family Unit, Vermont Department of Mental Health

Jessica Robinson, Medicaid Programs Administrator, Agency of Education

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM Possible Act 173 Delay

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

2:30 PM Default Educational Budget Language

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

3:00 PM Committee Discussion

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM State of Higher Education: Projections/Needs

Suresh Garimella, President, University of Vermont
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor, Vermont State College
System

Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

-- Default Educational Budget (updated language)

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM Education Financing

Joint meeting with Senate Finance Committee

Bill Bates, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education
Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education
Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM	Remote Learning - Continuity of Learning Plans
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Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Education

Michael Campbell, Teacher, BFA-St. Albans

Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways,
Agency of Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

John Downes, Director, UVM Tarrant Institute for
Innovative Education

Mike McRaith, Principal, Vermont Principals Association

Stephanie Miller, Elementary School Teacher

Donald Tinney, President, Vermont National Education
Association

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM **S.343 - An act relating to delaying special education changes due to the COVID-19 state of emergency**

Walk-through of revised draft and vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

-- **Committee Discussion**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

-- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

-- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM Childcare: Parent Reimbursement

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of
Human Services Child Development Division

Linda January, Executive Director, Otter Creek Child
Center

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids
Melissa Riegel-Barrett, Policy Director, Agency of
Humans Services Child Development Division
Mary Jo Sleeper, Manager, Kids & Fitness Programs,
The Edge Fitness Centers

Friday, May 1, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

-- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

10:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM Immediate Funding Priorities

Committee discussion

- **S. - An act relating to a COVID-19-related child care tax credit**

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

-- **Where we Stand on the Reopening of Schools**

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Friday, May 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

-- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

2:00 PM **Suspending State Aid for School Construction Projects**

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

-- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

2:30 PM **Suspending State Aid for School Construction Projects**

Norm Etkind, Former Director, Energy Management
Program, Vermont Superintendents Association

Erik Filkorn, Principal Assistant, Buildings and General
Services

-- **Standardized Testing for Adult Learning**

Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways,
Agency of Education

Friday, May 15, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
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Meeting Record

-- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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12:00 PM	New England Board of Education - Trends in Higher Education
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The Senate Education Committee will be attending via YouTube this meeting of the House Education Committee. This meeting will be live-streamed on the House Education Committee web page.

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Meeting Details

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1:00 PM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Thursday, May 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

2:30 PM **University of Vermont and Vermont State Colleges
Update**

Ben Luce, Northern Vermont University

Rachel Montesano, University of Vermont

Joan Richmond-Hall, Moderator, Vermont Technical
College Faculty Assembly

Helen Scott, Professor, University of Vermont

Tyrone Shaw, Chair, Northern Vermont University,
Johnson Faculty Assembly

Sean Witters, Senior Lecturer, University of Vermont

4:00 PM **Brainstorming for the Lessons Learned Task Force**

Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

2:30 PM **Suspending State Aid for School Construction Projects**

David Epstein, Managing Principal, TruexCullins
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

-- **Reopening of Schools/Air Quality Systems**

David Epstein, Managing Principal, TruexCullins
Norm Etkind, Former director, School Energy
Management Program, Vermont Superintendents

Association

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Thursday, May 28, 2020

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor Convenes
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2:30 PM **H.957 - An act relating to extending the deadline to test for lead in the drinking water of school buildings and child care facilities**

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor,
Vermont Department of Health

-- **Suspending State Aid for School Construction Projects**

Michael Gaughan, Executive Director, Vermont Bond
Bank, Vermont Educational & Health Buildings
Finance Agency

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, May 29, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

2:30 PM **Childcare Stabilization**

Steven Berbeco, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of
Human Services Child Development Division

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

Melissa Riegel-Garrett, Child Development Division

Policy Director, Agency of Human Services Child
Development Division

-- **H.957 - An act relating to extending the deadline to test
for lead in the drinking water of school buildings and
child care facilities**

Mark-up and vote

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

2:30 PM UVM Childcare Closure

Barbara Burrington, Director, UVM Campus Children's
School

Scott Thomas, Dean and Professor, University of
Vermont

-- **S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous
changes to education laws**

Strike-all and miscellaneous education language

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, June 5, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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2:30 PM S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws

Strike-all and proposed amendment language

Sen. Dick Sears

-- Standardized Testing for Adult Learning

Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways,
Agency of Education

Richard Donnelly, Senior Manager, Emerging
Technologies & Services, Efficiency Vermont

Norm Etkind, Former director, School Energy
Management Program, Vermont Superintendents
Association

Rebecca Foster, Director, Efficiency Vermont

Eveline Habermann Killian, CEM, Associate Principal, Cx
Associates, LLC

Andrew Jope, Director, YouthBuild Program,
ReSOURCE

Thomas Longstreth, Executive Director, ReSOURCE

Bill Root, President & CEO, GWR Engineering, PC

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

2:30 PM S.224 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes to education laws

Strike-all and proposed amendment

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

2:45 PM Emergency Repair of School Ventilation Systems

Marc Brown, Facilities Manager, Kingdom East School District

Peter Burrows, Superintendent, Addison Central School District

Hal Cohen, Executive Director, Vermont Adult Learning

Bruce McIntire, Facilities Director, Williston Schools,
Addison Central School District

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education

Friday, June 12, 2020

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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2:30 PM Planning for Reopening Schools in Fall

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

-- School Ventilation Systems

Final question re: Emergency HVAC/Air Filtering Systems Work (committee discussion)

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Thursday, June 18, 2020

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Friday, June 19, 2020

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor Convenes
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Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

2:30 PM **COVID 19 Testing Funds for Independent Colleges**

Mark Anarumo, President, Norwich University

Mathew Derr, President, Sterling College

Tom McHenry, President and Dean, Vermont Law
School

Laurie Quinn, Interim President, Champlain College

Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor Convenes**

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor Convenes

Friday, June 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Floor Convenes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

4:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:30 PM Committee Discussion

School districts lacking voter-approved budgets

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Chelsea Myers, Associate Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

3:15 PM Agency of Education proposed legislation

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Chelsea Myers, Associate Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

2:30 PM	Pre-Kindergarten During the COVID Emergency
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Meg Baker, Universal Pre-K Coordinator, Addison
County

Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids

Kate Rogers, Early Education Programs Manager,
Agency of Education

William Yates, Data Administrator, District Testing
Coordinator, Hartford School District

-- **Budget Funding for Outright Vermont**

Mara Iverson, Director of Education, Outright Vermont

Dana Kaplan, Executive Director, Outright Vermont

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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Thursday, September 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:30 PM **Discussion of Miscellaneous AOE Policy Suggestions**
James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:30 PM **Proposed CRF Education Language from HEC to HAC**
James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel
Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education
Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

-- **CRF HVAC Grant Program**

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition
Programs, Agency of Education

Jody Lesko, Director of Programs and Implementation,
Efficiency Vermont

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger
Free Vermont

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

Daniel Reilly, Public Affairs Director, Efficiency Vermont

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:30 PM **Proposed CRF Education Language from HEC to HAC**

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Chloe Wexler, Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:30 PM **Proposed CRF Education Language from HEC to HAC**

Benjamin Akande, President, Champlain College
Richard Cate, Chief Financial Officer, University of
Vermont
Sophia Howlett, President, SIT Graduate Institute
Susan Stitely, President, Association of Vermont
Independent Colleges

Thursday, September 24, 2020

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Meeting Record

-- **Committee Not Meeting**
