

PHILIP B. SCOTT
GOVERNOR



State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 1, 2022

Vermont General Assembly
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633

Re: S.283, AN ACT RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS

Dear Legislators:

Today, I am signing S.283, *An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education laws*, although it includes an error which affects the effective dates of two provisions.

I am allowing it to move forward because I have no substantive objections to the provisions of the bill itself, however, the Section 17 cross-reference to Section 14 (prekindergarten prequalification quality standards) cannot be correct. It is either Section 14 (approved and recognized independent schools) or Section 15 (prekindergarten prequalification quality standards). Our assumption, given the context, which has been confirmed by Legislative Counsel, is that the cross-reference is to Section 15 (prekindergarten prequalification quality standards) which shall take effect July 1, 2023. It is my understanding this change will be made during the statute revision process through the Secretary of State's Office, and the Executive Branch will proceed accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

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