

Amendment to HB 122

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Cooperative School Districts; Procedure for Withdrawal. Amend RSA 195:25 to read as
4 follows:

5 195:25 Procedure for ~~[Withdrawal]~~ **Review**.

6 **I.** After the tenth anniversary of the date of operating responsibility, the school board of a
7 cooperative school district may ~~[undertake a study]~~ **initiate a review** of the feasibility and
8 suitability of the withdrawal of one or more member districts from the cooperative district. A
9 similar ~~[study]~~ **review** shall be ~~[undertaken]~~ **initiated** if, after the tenth anniversary of the date of
10 operating responsibility, a pre-existing district shall, by a majority vote on a warrant article at a
11 regular or special town meeting, direct the school board **of a cooperative school district** to
12 ~~[conduct]~~ **initiate** such a ~~[study]~~ **review**. **In either case**, the ~~[study]~~ **review** shall be conducted by
13 a committee composed of ~~[at least]~~ one member of the school board from each of the pre-existing
14 districts, one member of the board of selectmen from each town **within the cooperative school**
15 **district**, and such other members as may be appointed by the committee. **The committee shall**
16 **have its first meeting no later 60 days following its creation or by the vote at the annual**
17 **meeting which established the committee.**

18 **II.** Within 180 days ~~[after the date of its formation]~~ **after the committee's first meeting**,
19 the committee shall report its findings to the state board of education. The committee shall submit
20 **a report** to the ~~[state board of education either a report that withdrawal is not feasible or suitable,~~
21 ~~or a report that includes a withdrawal plan prepared in accordance with RSA 195:26]~~ **school board**
22 **of the cooperative school district**. ~~[If the committee determines that withdrawal is not feasible or~~
23 ~~suitable, the town which voted to undertake the study may submit a minority report at the same~~
24 ~~time as the committee report is filed with the state board of education. If the committee report does~~
25 ~~not include a withdrawal plan, the minority report may include a withdrawal plan prepared in~~
26 ~~accordance RSA 195:26.]~~ **The report shall indicate whether the withdrawal of one or more**
27 **towns from the cooperative school district is recommended, not recommended, or whether**
28 **more time and information are needed to make a determination.**

29 **III.** **If the committee finds that the withdrawal of one or more towns from the**
30 **cooperative school district is recommended, the committee shall develop a withdrawal**
31 **plan in accordance with RSA 195:26. The plan shall be submitted to the state board of**
32 **education no later than November 1. Members of the committee who voted against**

1 *recommending withdrawal may file a minority report with the state board of education no*
2 *later than November 1.*

3 *IV. If the committee finds that the withdrawal of one or more towns from the*
4 *cooperative school districts is not recommended, the committee shall file a report with the*
5 *school board of the cooperative school district and the committee shall be dissolved.*
6 *Members of the committee who voted to recommend the withdrawal of one or more towns*
7 *from the cooperative school district may file a minority report with the school board of the*
8 *cooperative school district.*

9 *V. If the committee finds that more time and information are needed to make a*
10 *determination, the committee shall reconvene within 30 days of filing its initial report and*
11 *continue its work. In such a case, the committee shall, within 180 of filing its initial*
12 *report, file a subsequent report with the school board of the cooperative school district*
13 *indicating whether the withdraw of one or more towns from the cooperative school district*
14 *is recommended or not recommended. If the committee finds that the withdrawal of one*
15 *or more towns from the cooperative school district is not recommended, members of the*
16 *committee who voted to recommend the withdrawal of one or more towns from the*
17 *cooperative school district may file a minority report with the school board of the*
18 *cooperative school district. If the committee finds that the withdrawal of one or more*
19 *towns from the cooperative school district is recommended, the committee shall develop a*
20 *withdrawal plan in accordance with RSA 195:26. The plan shall be submitted to the state*
21 *board of education no later than November 1. Members of the committee who voted*
22 *against the withdrawal plan and its recommendations may file a minority report with the*
23 *state board of education no later than November 1.*

24 *VI. If the state board approves [a] the withdrawal plan, whether submitted by the*
25 *committee or by minority report, the plan shall be submitted to the voters of the cooperative school*
26 *district in accordance with RSA 195:29.*

27 *2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.*