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## PreKindergarten Education Committee to Hold Public Hearing

Montpelier, Vermont

A Legislative study committee which has been studying the costs and benefits of offering publicly funded prekindergarten education services has released its recommendations. The committee will hold a hearing in room 11 of the State House in Montpelier on Thursday, January 25, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to hear public reaction to its recommendations. Anyone wishing to testify may come to the hearing.

The committee recommends that public schools should be authorized to offer prekindergarten education if they choose, and that they should receive funds from the education fund if they do so. This will continue the practice which has been allowed for many years in Vermont. However, the committee recommends capping the amount that a school district may receive for the services.

To see a draft of the report, go to the legislative website at [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us) and click on Pre-K Education Study Committee.

Following the hearing, the committee may make changes to the report before finalizing it.