

1 H.264

2 Introduced by Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Manwaring of  
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7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Education; spending per equalized pupil; homestead education  
10 property tax; savings allocation; grant; credit

11 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to provide an education savings  
12 allocation grant to a municipality that is a member of a school district that has  
13 education spending per equalized pupil of less than 100 percent of its prior  
14 year education spending per equalized pupil. Grants to the municipality will  
15 be used to provide municipal property tax credits to persons within the  
16 municipality paying homestead property taxes.

17 An act relating to education savings allocation grants

18 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

1 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 4032 is added to read:

2 § 4032. EDUCATION SAVINGS ALLOCATION GRANTS

3 In any year in which a school district's education spending per equalized  
4 pupil is less than 100 percent of its education spending per equalized pupil in  
5 the prior year, each municipality that is a member of the district shall receive a  
6 savings allocation grant to provide municipal tax credits on its municipal  
7 property tax bills for the current year to persons paying homestead education  
8 property taxes in that year. An education savings allocation grant shall be  
9 equal to 60 percent of the difference between 100 percent of the district's  
10 prior-year education spending and its current-year education spending, and the  
11 commissioner shall distribute the grant to the member municipality or pro rata  
12 to the member municipalities, based on each member's portion of the  
13 education tax assessment for the current-year school budget. A tax credit  
14 under this section shall be shown on the taxpayer's municipal property tax bill  
15 and shall be calculated as a percentage of the unadjusted property tax liability,  
16 using the same percentage for all taxpayers in the municipality who are  
17 receiving the credit.

18 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) For each purpose identified in this subsection, the state treasurer shall  
20 withdraw funds from the education fund upon warrants issued by the  
21 commissioner of finance and management based on information supplied by

1 the commissioner of taxes. The commissioner of finance and management  
2 may draw warrants for disbursements from the fund in anticipation of receipts.  
3 All balances in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward  
4 and remain a part of the fund. Interest accruing from the fund shall remain in  
5 the fund. Moneys in the education fund shall be used for the following:

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7 (4) To make payments required under section 4032 of this title for  
8 education savings allocation grants.

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16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2009, and grants shall  
18 be available for budgets in fiscal year 2010 and after.