

1 H.219

2 Introduced by Representatives Browning of Arlington, Stevens of Shoreham,

3 French of Shrewsbury and Waite-Simpson of Essex

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Education; challenges for change; school district budgets; excess

7 spending; divided vote; base education amount

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to recognize each school district that

9 developed a FY 2012 budget meeting the proposed reductions recommended

10 pursuant to Sec. E2 of No. 135 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010)

11 (Challenges for Change) by excluding the district's FY 2012 and FY 2013

12 budgets from the calculation for excess spending, by exempting those budgets

13 from the requirements of a divided ballot, and by calculating the district

14 spending adjustment in those fiscal years using an increased figure for the base

15 education amount.

16 An act relating to school districts that developed a FY 2012 budget meeting
17 the proposed reductions recommended pursuant to Challenges for Change

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

1 Sec. 1. CHALLENGES FOR CHANGE; SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS

2 A school district that proposes a FY 2012 budget meeting the August 2010
3 individualized education spending reductions recommended by the department
4 of education pursuant to Sec. E2 of No. 135 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess.
5 (2010) (Challenges for Change):

6 (1) shall be exempt from the calculation of excess spending in 32 V.S.A.
7 § 5401(12) for proposed budgets presented to the voters for FY 2012 and
8 FY 2013;

9 (2) shall be exempt from the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 563(11)(B) and
10 shall not be required to present proposed budgets for FY 2012 and FY 2013 by
11 means of a divided question; and

12 (3) when calculating the district spending adjustment pursuant to
13 32 V.S.A. § 5402(13) for FY 2012 and FY 2013, shall use as the denominator
14 the base education amount multiplied by 1.10.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage and shall apply to school districts
17 budgets for FY 2012 and FY 2013.