

1 H.754

2 Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

3 Date:

4 Subject: Taxation; education property tax; rates

5 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to set the education property tax rate
6 base education amount for fiscal year 2013.

7 An act relating to the education property tax rate and base education amount
8 for fiscal year 2013

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

10 Sec. 1. FISCAL YEAR 2013 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX RATE

11 (a) For fiscal year 2013 only, the education property tax imposed under
12 32 V.S.A. § 5402(a) shall be reduced from the rates of \$1.59 and \$1.10 and
13 shall instead be at the following rates:

14 (1) the tax rate for nonresidential property shall be \$1.37
15 per \$100.00; and

16 (2) the tax rate for homestead property shall be \$0.88 multiplied by the
17 district spending adjustment for the municipality, per \$100.00 of equalized
18 property value as most recently determined under 32 V.S.A. § 5405.

19 (b) For claims filed in 2013 only, “applicable percentage” in 32 V.S.A.
20 § 6066(a)(2) shall be reduced from 2.0 percent and instead shall be 1.80

1 percent multiplied by the fiscal year 2013 district spending adjustment for the
2 municipality in which the homestead residence is located; but in no event shall
3 the applicable percentage be less than 1.80 percent.

4 Sec. 2. FISCAL YEAR 2013 BASE EDUCATION AMOUNT

5 Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4011(b) or any other provision of law, the
6 base education amount for fiscal year 2013 shall be \$8,723.00.

7 Sec. 3. CALCULATION OF DOLLAR EQUIVALENT

8 In order to lead to greater understanding of education property tax rates,
9 annually, by December 1, and in conjunction with the recommendations under
10 32 V.S.A. § 5402b, the commissioner of taxes shall calculate, for purposes of
11 illustration, the dollar equivalent for the forthcoming fiscal year and report the
12 same to the general assembly. For purposes of this subsection, “dollar
13 equivalent” means the amount of revenue per equalized pupil that would result
14 under a homestead tax rate of \$1.00 per \$100.00 of equalized education
15 property value, an applicable percentage in 32 V.S.A. § 6066(a)(2) of 2.0
16 percent, and sufficient statutory reserves under 16 V.S.A. § 4026 and
17 32 V.S.A. § 5402b. For example, for fiscal year 2013, the dollar equivalent
18 under this definition would equal \$9,912.00 per pupil.

19 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage and apply to education property tax
21 rates and the base education amount for fiscal year 2013.