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H. 835 An act relating to the taxation of towns hosting an electric generating plant

This bill proposes to extend the 25% reduction in the education property tax rates for property in the Town of Vernon until the electric generating plant has been decommissioned and repurposed for another use.

In FY 2014, the property tax payers in the Town of Vernon saved just over \$1.0 million dollars in Education property taxes due to the 3/4 education property tax rates. Homestead property taxes were lowered by \$433,888 and non-residential property taxes were reduced by \$627,357 for a total of \$1,071,245 less in Education Fund revenue. If this provision were extended the FY16 estimate would be approximately \$1.25 million.