

Act No. 148 (H.859). Education; special education

An act relating to special education

This act contains a number of provisions related to special education. The act:

(1) requires that special education funding by the State is paid to supervisory unions or school districts based on where the related services are provided (Secs. 1 and 2);

(2) makes an appropriation for the Agency of Education to contract for a study of State funding for special education, which shall evaluate the feasibility of implementing various models of funding for special education in Vermont, including a census block model of funding, with a requirement that the contracting entity present its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Agency of Education by December 15, 2017 (Sec. 3); and

(3) makes an appropriation for up to 10 supervisory unions, supervisory districts, or unified union districts to retain a consulting firm selected by the Agency of Education for the provision of special education consulting services, and for the consulting firm to present a report on its findings and recommendations on the delivery of special education services to the General Assembly and other interested parties on or before October 1, 2017 (Sec. 4).

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2016