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Introduced by Representatives Komline of Dorset, Wright of Burlington,
Ancel of Calais, Branagan of Georgia, Canfield of Fair Haven,
Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Donahue of
Northfield, Greshin of Warren, Poirier of Barre City,
Scheuermann of Stowe, Till of Jericho, and Young of Glover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; mandates; education funding; Joint Fiscal Office

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Joint Fiscal Office annually to determine the total dollar amount required for
supervisory unions and school districts to implement newly enacted State
statutes and rules where the statute or rule does not provide new funding or a
new funding mechanism to fulfill the requirement. After review by the Joint
Fiscal Committee, the amount shall be added to the General Fund transfer to
the Education Fund for that and each following fiscal year.

An act relating to increasing the General Fund transfer to the Education
Fund to reflect the cost of newly enacted education mandates

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

1 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 4028(e) is added to read:

2 (e) On or before June 30 of each year, the Joint Fiscal Office shall
3 determine the total dollar amount required for supervisory unions and school
4 districts to perform all new unfunded mandates imposed upon them in the next
5 fiscal year. The Joint Fiscal Office shall present this total to the Joint Fiscal
6 Committee at its July meeting. The Joint Fiscal Committee shall review and
7 approve the total, and that amount shall be added to the General Fund transfer
8 in subdivision 4025(a)(2) of this title for the current fiscal year and for each
9 fiscal year until the mandate is repealed or otherwise expires. As used in this
10 subsection, an “unfunded mandate” means a State statute or rule that requires a
11 supervisory union or school district to perform certain actions for which no
12 new source of funding or funding mechanism is provided.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.