

# House Calendar

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**Action Postponed Until January 19, 2016**

**Favorable with Amendment**

**H. 65**

An act relating to designating the Gilfeather turnip as the State Vegetable

**Rep. Zagar of Barnard**, for the Committee on **Agriculture & Forest Products**, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

In Sec. 2 by striking out “2015” and inserting in lieu thereof “2016”

( **Committee Vote: 9-1-1**)

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Favorable**

**H. 556**

An act relating to raising the education spending thresholds for fiscal year 2017.

(**Rep. Sharpe of Bristol** will speak for the Committee on **Education**.)

**Rep. Greshin of Warren**, for the Committee on **Ways & Means**, recommends the bill ought to pass.

(**Committee Vote: 9-1-1**)

**Amendment to be offered by Rep. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury to H. 556**

First: By adding a Sec. 1a to read as follows:

Sec. 1a. 32 V.S.A. § 6067 is amended to read:

§ 6067. CREDIT LIMITATIONS

Only one individual per household per taxable year shall be entitled to a benefit under this chapter. An individual who received a homestead exemption or adjustment with respect to property taxes assessed by another state for the taxable year shall not be entitled to receive an adjustment under this chapter. No taxpayer shall receive an adjustment under subsection 6066(b) of this title in excess of \$3,000.00. No taxpayer shall receive total adjustments under this chapter in excess of ~~\$8,000.00~~ \$6,000.00 related to any one property tax year.

Second: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Sec. 1 (threshold amount) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. 1a (credit limit) shall take effect on January 1, 2017 and apply to claims filed after that date.

**Amendment to be offered by Reps. Tate of Mendon and Zagar of Barnard to H. 556**

By adding a Sec. 1a to read:

Sec. 1a. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 38 is amended to read:

Sec. 38. TRANSITION

(a) For fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only, if a district's equalized pupils in fiscal year 2016 reflect an adjustment pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4010(f) that results in an equalized pupil count that is 110 percent or greater than the actual equalized pupil count for that year, then notwithstanding any other provision of law, the district's spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13) shall be calculated without any addition for excess spending.

(b) For fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only, if a joint school is formed under 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 and became operational after January 1, 2014 but before January 1, 2016, then notwithstanding any other provision of law, any district that is a part of that joint school shall have its district spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13) calculated without any addition for excess spending.

**Amendment to be offered by Reps. Troiano of Stannard Berry of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Connor of Fairfield, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lucke of Hartford, Mrowicki of Putney, and Toll of Danville to H. 556**

By adding new Secs. 2, 3, and 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 37 is amended to read:

Sec. 37. ALLOWABLE GROWTH IN EDUCATION SPENDING FOR  
FISCAL YEARS ~~2017 AND 2018~~ 2018 AND 2019

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal years ~~2017 and 2018~~ 2018 and 2019 only, "excess spending" under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12) means the per-equalized-pupil amount of the district's education spending, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), plus any amount required to be added from a Capital Construction Reserve Fund under 24 V.S.A. § 2804(b), that is in excess of the district's per-equalized-pupil amount of education spending in the prior fiscal year, plus the district's allowable growth.

(b) For fiscal years ~~2017 and 2018~~ 2018 and 2019 the “allowable growth” for any individual school district is an amount equal to the actual amount of per-equalized-pupil education spending in the district in the prior fiscal year, multiplied by the district’s “allowable growth percentage.” A district’s “allowable growth percentage” means a percentage that results from the following equation: the highest per-equalized-pupil amount of the education spending in any district in the State in the prior fiscal year, divided by the actual amount of per-equalized-pupil education spending in the district in the prior fiscal year, minus one, multiplied by five and one-half percent. For the purpose of the calculations made under this subsection, the term “education spending” refers to education spending as used to calculate excess spending under 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), including all the adjustments under 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)(B).

Sec. 3. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 38 is amended to read:

Sec. 38. TRANSITION

For fiscal years ~~2017 and 2018~~ 2018 and 2019 only, if a district’s equalized pupils in fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2017 reflect an adjustment pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4010(f) that results in an equalized pupil count that is 110 percent or greater than the actual equalized pupil count for that year, then notwithstanding any other provision of law, the district’s spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13) shall be calculated without any addition for excess spending.

Sec. 4. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 52 is amended to read:

Sec. 52. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section (effective dates) and Secs. 1 through 11 shall take effect on passage.

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(k) Secs. 37 and 38 (cost containment; education spending; allowable growth) shall take effect on July 1, 2015, and shall apply to fiscal years ~~2017 and 2018~~ 2018 and 2019.

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and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

**Amendment to be offered by Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Berry of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Connor of Fairfield, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Lanpher of Vergennes, Mrowicki of Putney, Ram of Burlington, Toll of Danville, , and Young of Glover to H. 556**

By adding new Secs. 2 and 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. REPEALS

The following are repealed:

(1) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 37; and

(2) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 38.

Sec. 3. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 52 is amended to read:

Sec. 52. EFFECTIVE DATES

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~~(k) Secs. 37 and 38 (cost containment; education spending; allowable growth) shall take effect on July 1, 2015, and shall apply to fiscal years 2017 and 2018. [Repealed.]~~

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and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

**Amendment to be offered by Rep. Komline of Dorset to H. 556**

By adding a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 37(d) is added to read:

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only, the education property tax spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13)(A) and the education income tax spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13)(B) shall be calculated as if the district's excess spending were 25 percent of what it would otherwise be under law.

and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

**Amendment to be offered by Rep. Komline of Dorset to H. 556**

By adding a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Sec. 37(d) is added to read:

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only, the education property tax spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13)(A) and the education income tax spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13)(B) shall be calculated as if the district's excess spending were 50 percent of what it would otherwise be under law.

and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

**NOTICE CALENDAR**

**Favorable**

**H. 519**

An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Brandon

**Rep. Lewis of Berlin**, for the Committee on **Government Operations**, recommends the bill ought to pass.

( **Committee Vote: 10-0-1** )