

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.  
3 853 entitled “An act relating to setting the nonresidential property tax rate, the  
4 property dollar equivalent yield, and the income dollar equivalent yield for  
5 fiscal year 2017, and other education changes” respectfully reports that it has  
6 considered the same and recommends that the bill, as amended by the report of  
7 the Committee on Education, be further amended as follows:

8 First: By striking out Sec. 6 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the  
9 following:

10 Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 4028(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 502(b)(2), the Joint Fiscal Office shall  
12 prepare a fiscal note for any legislation that requires a supervisory union or  
13 school district to perform any action with an associated direct cost, but does  
14 not ~~provide money or a funding mechanism~~ have a specifically identified  
15 appropriation for fulfilling that obligation. Any fiscal note prepared under this  
16 subsection shall identify whether or not the estimated costs would be  
17 considered part of the “unfunded education mandate amount” under 32 V.S.A.  
18 § 305b for the next fiscal year. Any fiscal note prepared under this subsection  
19 shall be completed no later than the date that the legislation is considered for a  
20 vote in the first committee to which it is referred.

1        Second: In Sec. 9, by adding a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

2        (g) Nonlegislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to  
3        compensation as provided under 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

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6        (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE