

1 H.262

2 Introduced by Representative Rachelson of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; education funding; school budgets

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that  
7 informational material provided in connection with a school district's proposed  
8 budget include information distinguishing between administrative spending  
9 and instructional or programmatic spending at both the district and supervisory  
10 union levels.

11 An act relating to information about instructional versus administrative  
12 spending in school budgets

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

14 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 242 is amended to read:

15 § 242. DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS

16 The superintendent shall be the chief executive officer for the supervisory  
17 union board and for each school board within the supervisory union, and shall:

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19 (4)(A) Provide data and information required by the Secretary.



1 of the school district votes to provide notice of availability, it must specify how  
2 notice of availability shall be given, and such notice of availability shall be  
3 provided to the electorate at least 30 days before the district's annual meeting.

4 The proposed budget shall be prepared and distributed at least ten days before  
5 a sum of money is voted on by the electorate. Any proposed budget shall show  
6 the following information in a format prescribed by the Secretary:

7 (i) all revenues from all sources, and expenses, including as  
8 separate items any assessment for a supervisory union of which it is a member  
9 and any tuition to be paid to a career technical center; and including the report  
10 required in subdivision 242(4)(D) of this title itemizing the component costs of  
11 the supervisory union assessment;

12 (ii) the specific amount of any deficit incurred in the most recently  
13 closed fiscal year and how the deficit was or will be remedied;

14 (iii) the anticipated homestead tax rate and the percentage of  
15 household income used to determine income sensitivity in the district as a  
16 result of passage of the budget including those portions of the tax rate  
17 attributable to supervisory union assessments; ~~and~~

18 (iv) the definition of "education spending," the number of pupils  
19 and number of equalized pupils in the school district, and the district's  
20 education spending per equalized pupil in the proposed budget and in each of  
21 the prior three years; and

1           (v) the actual or estimated amount to be expended at the district level  
2           for administrative services and for instructional or programmatic services and  
3           details of the services that are provided in both categories.

4           Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015 and shall apply to budgets  
6           prepared for fiscal year 2017 and after.