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 12	An act relating to information about instructional versus administrative 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.

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1	(B) Report all financial operations within the supervisory union to the
2	Secretary and State Board for the preceding school year on or before
3	August 15 of each year, using a format approved by the Secretary.
4	(C) Report all financial operations for each member school district to
5	the Secretary and State Board for the preceding school year on or before
6	August 15 of each year, using a format approved by the Secretary.
7	(D) Prepare for each district an itemized report detailing the portion
8	of the proposed supervisory union budget for which the district would be
9	assessed for the subsequent school year identifying the component costs by
10	category and explaining the method by which the district's share for each cost
11	was calculated; and provide the report to each district at least 14 days before a
12	budget, including the supervisory union assessment, is voted on by the
13	electorate of the district. <u>Identification of the component costs shall include</u>
14	the actual or estimated amount to be expended by the supervisory union for
15	administrative services and for instructional or programmatic services and
16	details of the services that are provided in both categories.
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18	Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 563(11)(C) is amended to read:
19	(C) At a school district's annual or special meeting, the electorate
20	may vote to provide notice of availability of the school budget required by this

subdivision to the electorate in lieu of distributing the budget. If the electorate

of the school district votes to provide notice of availability, it must specify how notice of availability shall be given, and such notice of availability shall be provided to the electorate at least 30 days before the district's annual meeting. The proposed budget shall be prepared and distributed at least ten days before a sum of money is voted on by the electorate. Any proposed budget shall show the following information in a format prescribed by the Secretary:

(i) all revenues from all sources, and expenses, including as separate items any assessment for a supervisory union of which it is a member

separate items any assessment for a supervisory union of which it is a member and any tuition to be paid to a career technical center; and including the report required in subdivision 242(4)(D) of this title itemizing the component costs of the supervisory union assessment;

- (ii) the specific amount of any deficit incurred in the most recently closed fiscal year and how the deficit was or will be remedied;
- (iii) the anticipated homestead tax rate and the percentage of household income used to determine income sensitivity in the district as a result of passage of the budget including those portions of the tax rate attributable to supervisory union assessments; and
- (iv) the definition of "education spending," the number of pupils and number of equalized pupils in the school district, and the district's education spending per equalized pupil in the proposed budget and in each of 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.