

Amendment to be offered by Rep. Ram of Burlington to the recommendation of amendment of the Committee on Education to S. 233

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 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~~ YEAR 2017

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for ~~fiscal years 2017 and 2018~~ fiscal year 2017 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.~~ shall be calculated as follows:

(1) For districts where the total amount of exclusions in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)(B) either stays the same or increases from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year, “excess spending” means the per-equalized-pupil amount of the district’s education spending, 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. As used in this subdivision, “education spending” means education spending as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6) after the exclusions in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)(B) are subtracted.

(2) For districts where the total amount of exclusions in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)(B) decreases from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year, “excess spending” means the per-equalized-pupil amount of the district’s education spending, 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 total education spending in the prior fiscal year, plus the district’s allowable growth. As used in this subdivision, “education spending” means education spending as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6) before the exclusions in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)(B) are subtracted.

(b) For ~~fiscal years 2017 and 2018~~ fiscal year 2017 only, 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).

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2017 only:

(1) The allowable growth percentage calculated in subsection (b) of this section shall be increased by adding 0.9 percentage points to the allowable growth percentage for each district.

(2) 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 by using only 25 percent of the district’s excess spending.

Sec. 2. REPEALS

2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, Secs. 37, 38, and 52(k) are repealed on July 1, 2017, and shall not apply to fiscal year 2018 or after.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Amendment to be offered by Rep. Troiano of Stannard to the recommendation of amendment of the Committee on Education to S. 233

Be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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