

## H.853

**An act relating to setting the nonresidential property tax rate, the property dollar equivalent yield, and the income dollar equivalent yield for fiscal year 2017, and other education changes**

**Side by Side by Side: As Passed the House/As Passed the Senate  
5/5/16**

House		Senate	
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets property dollar equivalent yield at \$9701</li> <li>• Sets income dollar equivalent yield at \$10,870</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets property dollar equivalent yield at \$9645</li> <li>• Sets income dollar equivalent yield at \$10,803</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	Sets nonresidential property tax base rate at \$1.53	<b>2</b>	Sets nonresidential property tax base rate at \$1.539
<b>3</b>	Reduces excess spending threshold from 121% of statewide average to 119% of statewide average beginning in fiscal year 2020.		Deleted.
<b>4-6a</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a process by which JFO and Administration estimate an “unfunded education mandate amount” for legislation passed year each.</li> <li>• That amount is automatically added to the Governor’s budget recommend for the following fiscal year.</li> <li>• The “unfunded education mandate amount” becomes part of the General Fund transfer.</li> <li>• Requires JFO to include information related to unfunded mandates in education related fiscal notes, and to publish an annotated Education Fund Outlook each year.</li> </ul>		Deleted.

<b>7</b>	Allows merging districts to explore the transfer of existing school debt to the corresponding towns.	<b>3</b>	Deleted.
<b>8</b>	Requires Secretary of Education to collect data on budget surplus amounts, reserve fund amounts, and reserve fund uses.	<b>4</b>	Unchanged.
<b>9</b>	Convenes a study group to examine the viability of moving merged districts to an aggregate common level of appraisal.	<b>5</b>	Unchanged.
<b>9a</b>	Requires JFO to issue a report on the various impacts of H.846, an act relating to making changes to the calculation of the statewide education property tax.	<b>6</b>	Substitutes a report on the impact of S.168, and act related to incentives for lower education spending.
<b>9b</b>	Requires JFO to issue a report on the various impacts of H.656, an act related to creating an education tax that is adjusted by income for all taxpayers.	<b>7</b>	Substitutes a report on implementation of S.175, an act related to creating an education tax that is adjusted by income for all taxpayers.
<b>9c</b>	Requires the Agency of Education to report on how a study of pupil weighting factors could be conducted.		Deleted.
		<b>7a</b>	Adds language specifying how to calculate tax rates for merging districts that have formed union school districts
<b>10</b>	Effective dates	<b>8</b>	Effective dates