

**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/House Conference proposal  
5/5/16**

<b>House</b>		<b>Senate</b>		<b>Conf.</b>	
<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>1</b>	House version
<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>2</b>	Sets nonresidential property tax base rate at \$1.535
<b>3</b>	Reduces excess spending threshold from 121% of statewide average to 119% of statewide average beginning in fiscal year 2020.		Deleted.	<b>3</b>	House version
<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</li> </ul>		Deleted.	<b>4-6a</b>	House version but strikes requirement that the Governor add the unfunded mandate amount to the amount of the General Fund transfer in his or

	<p>each.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>				her budget report.
<b>7</b>	Allows merging districts to explore the transfer of existing school debt to the corresponding towns.	<b>3</b>	Deleted.	<b>7</b>	House version
<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>8</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>9</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>9a</b>	House version.
<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>9b</b>	Senate version.
<b>9c</b>	Requires the Agency of Education to report on how a study of pupil weighting factors could be conducted.		Deleted.		Senate version.
		<b>7a</b>	Adds language specifying how to calculate tax rates for member towns that have formed union school districts	<b>10</b>	Provides intent language for calculating tax rates for member towns in merging districts, provides language on how to calculate tax rates for towns that have met the unified rate, and

					requires AOE to report on recommendations for improving merger process.
<b>10</b>	Effective dates	<b>8</b>	Effective dates	<b>11</b>	Effective dates