

**H.859**  
**An act relating to special education**

**Side by Side: As Passed by the House and the Senate**  
**5/2/16**

<b>House</b>		<b>Senate</b>	
<b>1</b>	Restates 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 (Special Education) to require that special education funding by the State is paid to supervisory unions or school districts, based on where the related services are provided	<b>1</b>	Unchanged, except makes additional changes in chapter 101 to achieve purpose, and deletes reference to the Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 16 V.S.A. § 2963a(a) because the Center is no longer in operation
		<b>2</b>	New section to amend 16 V.S.A. § 4002 to conform to changes in chapter 101
<b>2</b>	Directs the Agency of Education to contract for a study of special education funding and allocate out of its FY17 budget \$40,000 for this purpose.	<b>3</b>	Unchanged, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases budget amount to \$90,000</li> <li>• Broadens scope of study from a focus on the census block model of funding to a focus on various models of funding, to include a census block model</li> <li>• Requires the Agency and its contractor to collaborate with special education administrators (instead of special educators) and with parents and family-based organizations</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs the Agency of Education to contract with a consulting firm for the provision of special education services to up to 10 supervisory unions, supervisory districts or unified union districts.</li> <li>• Appropriates \$200,000 from the Education Fund</li> </ul>		Deleted.