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Representatives Browning of Arlington and Wright of Burlington move that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By inserting two new Secs. to be Secs. 10 and 11 to read as follows:

Sec. 10. 32 V.S.A. § 305b is added to read:

§ 305b. UNFUNDED EDUCATION MANDATE AMOUNT

Within 30 days after the end of each annual legislative session of the General Assembly, the Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary of Administration in consultation with the Secretary of Education shall estimate the “unfunded education mandate amount.” This estimate shall equal the total dollar amount required for supervisory unions and school districts to perform any action that is required pursuant to legislation enacted during that annual legislative session, and which has a related direct cost, but does not have a specifically identified appropriation for fulfilling that obligation. The estimate shall be for the fiscal year commencing on July 1 of the following year. The amount estimated under this section shall be added to the unfunded education mandate amount in 16 V.S.A. § 4025(e) and be added to the amount of the General Fund transfer under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a) for the fiscal year in which the estimate is made.

1 Sec. 11. 16 V.S.A. § 4025 is amended to read:

2 § 4025. EDUCATION FUND

3 (a) An Education Fund is established to comprise the following:

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5 (2) For each fiscal year, the amount of the general funds appropriated
6 and transferred to the Education Fund shall be:

7 (A) the total of \$305,900,000.00, plus the unfunded education
8 mandate amount, as defined in subsection (e) of this section;

9 (B) to be increased annually beginning for fiscal year 2018 by the
10 consensus Joint Fiscal Office and Administration determination of the National
11 Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) Implicit Price Deflator for State and
12 Local Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment as
13 reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis
14 through the fiscal year for which the payment is being determined, plus an
15 additional one-tenth of one percent.

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17 (e) As used in this section, “unfunded education mandate amount” shall
18 mean the cumulative amounts estimated under 32 V.S.A. § 305b and added to
19 the General Fund transfer for any fiscal year after fiscal year 2018.

20 and by renumbering the original Sec. 10 to be Sec. 12

1 Second: In renumbered Sec. 12 (effective dates), in subsection (a), by
2 striking out “This act” and inserting in lieu thereof “This section and Secs. 1–
3 9” and by inserting a subsection (c) to read as follows:

4 (c) Secs. 10 and 11 (General Fund transfer amounts) shall take effect on
5 passage, and apply to amounts transferred from the General Fund to the
6 Education Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) beginning with fiscal year 2019.