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H.285

Introduced by Representative Rachelson of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; education spending; ballots; supervisory union
assessments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
warnings for proposed school district budgets identify the amount of the total
budget that is attributable to expenditures assessed by the supervisory union.

An act relating to supervisory union assessments and ballot language

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 563 is amended to read:

§ 563. POWERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS; FORM OF VOTE

The school board of a school district, in addition to other duties and
authority specifically assigned by law:

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(11)(A) Shall prepare and distribute annually a proposed budget for the
next school year according to such major categories as may from time to time
be prescribed by the Secretary.

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1 (D) The board shall present the budget to the voters by means of a
2 ballot in the following form:

3 "Article #1 (School Budget):

4 The total proposed budget of \$ _____ is the amount determined by the
5 school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational
6 program. Of the total proposed budget, the sum of \$ _____ is the portion
7 of supervisory union expenditures for which the supervisory union has
8 assessed this district. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school
9 board to expend \$ _____, which is the amount the school board has
10 determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? ~~It is estimated that this~~
11 ~~proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$ _____ per~~
12 ~~equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is _____%~~
13 ~~higher/lower than spending for the current year.~~

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15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.