

**House Proposal of Amendment to Senate Proposal of Amendment**

H. 954

An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking Sec. 4, [Deleted.], in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 4. BILLING AND COLLECTION OF EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX;  
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES; REPORT

On or before February 1, 2021, the Department of Taxes, in consultation with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association, the Vermont Bankers Association, and the Association of Vermont Credit Unions, shall submit to the House Committees on Ways and Means and on Government Operations and the Senate Committees on Finance and on Government Operations a report studying potential approaches to transitioning the responsibility for billing and collecting the statewide education property tax from municipalities to the Department. The report shall include recommended legislation and estimates of the fiscal impact of the transition.

Second: By striking Sec. 8, use tax safe harbor; report, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 8. 32 V.S.A. § 5870 is amended to read:

§ 5870. REPORTING USE TAX ON INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX  
RETURNS

(a) The Commissioner of Taxes shall provide that individuals report use tax on their State individual income tax returns. Taxpayers are required to attest to the amount of their use tax liability under chapter 233 of this title for the period of the tax return. Alternatively, they may elect to report an amount that is a percentage of their adjusted gross income determined under subsection (b) of this section, ~~as shown on a table published by the Commissioner of Taxes;~~ and use tax liability arising from the purchase of each item with a purchase price in excess of \$1,000.00 shall be added to the table amount shown under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The amount of use tax a taxpayer may elect to report under subsection (a) of this section shall be ~~0.10 percent of their adjusted gross income based on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income as determined by the following tables;~~ provided, however, that a taxpayer shall not be required to pay more than ~~\$500.00~~ \$150.00 for use tax liability under this subsection, arising from total purchases of items with a purchase price of \$1,000.00 or less.

<u>If adjusted gross income is:</u>	<u>The tax is:</u>
<u>Not over \$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>\$20,001.00 to \$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>

<u>\$30,001.00 to \$40,000.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>\$40,001.00 to \$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>\$50,001.00 to \$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>\$60,001.00 to \$70,000.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
<u>\$70,001.00 to \$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
<u>\$80,001.00 to \$90,000.00</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
<u>\$90,001.00 to \$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>\$100,001.00 and over</u>	<u>the lesser of \$150.00 or 0.05% of adjusted gross income.</u>

Third: By striking Sec. 10a, 32 V.S.A. § 9741(54), in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 10a. [Deleted.]

Fourth: By striking Secs. 19–19a, 529 plans, in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 19. 32 V.S.A. § 5825a(b) is amended to read:

(b) A taxpayer who has received a credit under subsection (a) of this section shall repay to the Commissioner 10 percent of any distribution from a higher education investment plan account, ~~which distribution is not used exclusively for costs of attendance at an approved postsecondary education institution as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 2822(6)~~, up to a maximum of the total credits received by the taxpayer under subsection (a) of this section minus any amount of repayment of such credits in prior tax years except when the distribution:

(1) is used exclusively for costs of attendance at an approved postsecondary education institution as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 2822(6);

(2) qualifies as an expense associated with a registered apprenticeship program pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 529(c)(8); or

(3) is made after the death of the beneficiary or after the beneficiary becomes disabled pursuant to subdivisions (q)(2)(C) and (m)(7) of 26 U.S.C. § 72.

(c) Repayments under this subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to assessment, notice, penalty and interest, collection, and other administration in the same manner as an income tax under this chapter.

Sec. 19a. [Deleted.]

Fifth: By striking Secs. 26, official State revenue estimate, and 27, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 20, Sec. 109, and their reader assistance headings in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 26. [Deleted.]

Sec. 27. [Deleted.]

Sixth: By striking Sec. 29, effective dates, and its reader assistance heading in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof:

\* \* \* Tax Increment Financing Districts \* \* \*

Sec. 29. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS; DEBT  
INCURRENCE PERIODS; EXTENSIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the period to incur indebtedness is extended for the following tax increment financing districts:

(1) The Barre City Downtown Tax Increment Financing District is extended to March 31, 2023.

(2) The Bennington Downtown Tax Increment Financing District is extended to March 31, 2028.

(3) The Burlington Downtown Tax Increment Financing District is extended to March 31, 2022.

(4) The three properties located within the Burlington Waterfront Tax Increment Financing District at 49 Church Street and 75 Cherry Street, as designated on the City of Burlington's Tax Parcel Maps as Parcel ID# 044-4-004-000, Parcel ID# 044-4-004-001, and Parcel ID# 044-4-033-000, is extended to June 30, 2022; provided, however, that the extension of the period to incur indebtedness is subject to the City of Burlington's submission to the Vermont Economic Progress Council on or before June 30, 2022 of an executed construction contract with a completion guarantee by the owner of the parcels evidencing commitment to construct not less than \$50 million of private development on the parcels.

(5) The Montpelier Tax Increment Financing District is extended to March 31, 2029.

(6) The South Burlington Tax Increment Financing District is extended to March 31, 2023.

(7) The St. Albans City Downtown Tax Increment Financing District is extended to March 31, 2023.

(b) This section does not:

(1) extend any period that the municipal or education tax increment may be retained by the tax increment financing districts listed in subsection (a) of this section; or

(2) amend any other tax increment financing requirements set forth in 24 V.S.A. chapter 53, subchapter 5; 32 V.S.A. § 5404a; or the TIF District

Rule adopted in May 2015, applicable to the tax increment financing districts listed in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 30. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 18, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 134, Sec. 9a, is further amended to read:

Sec. 18. BURLINGTON WATERFRONT TIF

(a) The authority of the City of Burlington to incur indebtedness for its waterfront tax increment financing district is hereby extended for five years beginning January 1, 2015; provided, however, that the City is authorized to extend the period to incur indebtedness for 6.5 years beginning on January 1, 2015 for three properties located within the waterfront tax increment financing district at 49 Church Street and 75 Cherry Street, as designated on the City's Tax Parcel Maps as the following:

- (1) Parcel ID# 044-4-004-000;
- (2) Parcel ID# 044-4-004-001;
- (3) Parcel ID# 044-4-033-000.

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~~(e) The extension of the period to incur indebtedness for the specific parcels in subdivision (a)(1)–(3) of this section is subject to the City of Burlington's submission to the Vermont Economic Progress Council of an executed construction contract with a completion guarantee by the owner of the parcels evidencing commitment to construct not less than \$50 million of private development on the parcels.~~

\* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

Sec. 31. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage except:

(1) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 8, 32 V.S.A. § 5870 (use tax reporting), shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2020 and apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2020.

(2) Sec. 11 (universal service charge) shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

(3) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. 13–14 (annual link to federal statutes) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2020 and apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019.

(4) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 16 (TY 2016 refunds) shall take effect retroactively on April 15, 2020.