

1 Sec. 1. PROPERTY DOLLAR EQUIVALENT YIELD, INCOME DOLLAR
2 EQUIVALENT YIELD, AND NON-HOMESTEAD RATE FOR
3 FISCAL YEAR 2021

4 (a) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5402b(b), for fiscal year 2021 only, the
5 property dollar equivalent yield shall be \$10,998.00.

6 (b) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5402b(b), for fiscal year 2021 only, the income
7 dollar equivalent yield shall be \$13,535.00.

8 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the non-homestead rate for
9 fiscal year 2021 shall be \$1.628 per \$100.00 of equalized education property
10 value under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(a)(1).

11 (d) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5401(15) (property dollar equivalent yield
12 definition) and 32 V.S.A. § 5401(16) (income dollar equivalent yield
13 definition), the yields established under this section assume that the
14 stabilization reserve created under 16 V.S.A. § 4026 is maintained pursuant to
15 subsection (b) of Sec. 2 of this act.

16 Sec. 2. EDUCATION FUND DEFICIT; STABILIZATION RESERVE

17 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning in
18 fiscal year 2021, the Education Fund may incur a deficit, provided the
19 stabilization reserve created under 16 V.S.A. § 4026 is maintained pursuant to
20 subsection (b) of this section.

21 (b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4026 (stabilization reserve), beginning in
22 fiscal year 2021, the Education Fund stabilization reserve may be drawn down

1 to two percent of the prior fiscal year's appropriations from the Education
2 Fund.

3 (c) If a deficit in the Education Fund is projected or created for fiscal 2021
4 or any succeeding fiscal year, it is the intent of the General Assembly to
5 address the deficit as follows:

6 (1) using federal funds to the greatest extent possible;

7 (2) applying reversions;

8 (3) drawing down the stabilization reserve pursuant to subsection (b) of
9 this section;

10 (4) using other sources of revenue and reducing costs; and

11 (5) using any other source of funding, including borrowing and making
12 appropriations from the General Fund or other funds.

13 Sec. 3. STATEWIDE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX YIELDS;

14 RECOMMENDATION BY COMMISSIONER OF TAXES

15 If a deficit is projected for fiscal 2021 or any succeeding fiscal year,
16 annually on December 1 and until the Education Fund deficit is repaid, in
17 making the statewide education property tax yield and rate calculations and
18 recommendations for the following fiscal year as required pursuant to 32
19 V.S.A. § 5402b, the Commissioner of Taxes shall assume that,
20 notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5402b(a)(3), the Education Fund stabilization
21 reserve under 16 V.S.A. § 4026 is maintained pursuant to subsection (b) of
22 Sec. 2 of this act.