

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.  
3 954 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions” moves that the  
4 House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposals of  
5 amendment as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

2 § 5870. REPORTING USE TAX ON INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX  
3 RETURNS

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

13 (b) The amount of use tax a taxpayer may elect to report under subsection  
14 (a) of this section shall be ~~0.10 percent of their adjusted gross income based on~~  
15 the taxpayer's adjusted gross income as determined by the following tables;  
16 provided, however, that a taxpayer shall not be required to pay more than  
17 ~~\$500.00~~ \$150.00 for use tax liability under this subsection; arising from total  
18 purchases of items with a purchase price of \$1,000.00 or less.

19 <u>If adjusted gross income is:</u>	<u>The tax is:</u>
20 <u>Not over \$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
21 <u>\$20,001.00 to \$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
22 <u>\$30,001.00 to \$40,000.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
23 <u>\$40,001.00 to \$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>





1 Sec. 10d. REPEAL

2 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. G.8 (prewritten software accessed  
3 remotely) is repealed.

4 Fourth: By striking out Secs. 26, official State revenue estimate, and 27,  
5 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 20, Sec. 109, and their reader assistance headings  
6 in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof:

7 Sec. 26. [Deleted.]

8 Sec. 27. [Deleted.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (4) The three properties located within the Burlington Waterfront Tax  
23 Increment Financing District at 49 Church Street and 75 Cherry Street, as

1 designated on the City of Burlington's Tax Parcel Maps as Parcel ID# 044-4-  
2 004-000, Parcel ID# 044-4-004-001, and Parcel ID# 044-4-033-000, is  
3 extended to June 30, 2022; provided, however, that the extension of the period  
4 to incur indebtedness is subject to the City of Burlington's submission to the  
5 Vermont Economic Progress Council on or before June 30, 2022 of an  
6 executed construction contract with a completion guarantee by the owner of  
7 the parcels evidencing commitment to construct not less than \$50 million of  
8 private development on the parcels.

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

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

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

15 (b) This section does not:

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

19 (2) amend any other tax increment financing requirements set forth in 24  
20 V.S.A. chapter 53, subchapter 5; 32 V.S.A. § 5404a; or the TIF District Rule  
21 adopted in May 2015, applicable to the tax increment financing districts listed  
22 in subsection (a) of this section.

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

3 Sec. 18. BURLINGTON WATERFRONT TIF

4 (a) The authority of the City of Burlington to incur indebtedness for its  
5 waterfront tax increment financing district is hereby extended for five years  
6 beginning January 1, 2015; provided, however, that the City is authorized to  
7 extend the period to incur indebtedness for 6.5 years beginning on January 1,  
8 2015 for three properties located within the waterfront tax increment financing  
9 district at 49 Church Street and 75 Cherry Street, as designated on the City's  
10 Tax Parcel Maps as the following:

11 (1) Parcel ID# 044-4-004-000;

12 (2) Parcel ID# 044-4-004-001;

13 (3) Parcel ID# 044-4-033-000.

14 \* \* \*

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

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

22 Sec. 31. EFFECTIVE DATES

23 This act shall take effect on passage except:

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

4           (2) Secs. 10a–10d (vendor-hosted prewritten computer software) shall  
5 take effect on January 1, 2021.

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

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

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