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2 Introduced by Representatives Conlon of Cornwall and Elder of Starksboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; education spending; excess spending; health care;  
6 premium contributions

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to eliminate  
8 from the excess spending calculation a school employer's spending during the  
9 year on required health care contributions for the current plan year over its  
10 required premium contributions for the previous plan year.

11 An act relating to eliminating from the excess spending calculation a school  
12 employer's annual increases in costs associated with health care premium  
13 contributions

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

15 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 4001 is amended to read:

16 § 4001. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

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19 (6) "Education spending" means the amount of the school district  
20 budget, any assessment for a joint contract school, career technical center  
21 payments made on behalf of the district under subsection 1561(b) of this title,

1 and any amount added to pay a deficit pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b) that is  
2 paid for by the school district, but excluding any portion of the school budget  
3 paid for from any other sources such as endowments, parental fundraising,  
4 federal funds, nongovernmental grants, or other State funds such as special  
5 education funds paid under chapter 101 of this title.

6 (A) [Repealed.]

7 (B) For purposes of calculating excess spending pursuant to  
8 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12), “education spending” shall not include:

9 (i) Spending during the budget year for approved school capital  
10 construction for a project that received preliminary approval under section  
11 3448 of this title, including interest paid on the debt, provided the district shall  
12 not be reimbursed or otherwise receive State construction aid for the approved  
13 school capital construction.

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15 (xii) Costs directly attributable to an increase in the required  
16 health insurance premium contributions of a school employer, as defined in  
17 Sec. 2101 of this title, for the current plan year over its required premium  
18 contributions for the previous plan year.

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1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2               This act shall take effect on passage and apply to school budgets for fiscal

3       year 2023 and after.