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An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education law It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

* * * Special Education Funding * * *

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2961 is amended to read:

§ 2961. CENSUS GRANT

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- (d)(1)(A) For fiscal year 2023, the amount of the census grant for a supervisory union shall be:
- (i) the average amount it received for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020, or the average amount it received for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021, whichever amount is greater, from the State for special education under sections 2961 (standard mainstream block grants), 2963 (special education expenditures reimbursement), and 2963a (exceptional circumstances) of this title; increased by
- (ii) the annual change in the National Income and Product
 Accounts (NIPA) Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government
 Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment as reported by the
 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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* * * Special Education Rule Change; Delay * * *

Sec. 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2360 RULE SERIES; PARTIAL DELAY

It is the intent of the General Assembly to allow educators and staff time to adequately prepare for the delivery of special education services as required under the State Board of Education special education rules series 2360, which takes effect on July 1, 2022. Therefore, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary under 16 V.S.A. § 164, the State Board of Education shall suspend the implementation of rules 2362 and 2362.2.5 until July 1, 2023. The remaining rules under the 2360 rule series shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.