

1 H.716

2 Introduced by Committee on Education

3 Date:

4 Subject: Education; miscellaneous

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to (1) adjust the
6 methodology for computing the first year special education grant payment
7 under 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 173; and (2) delay implementation of State
8 Board of Education rules 2362 and 2362.2.5 until July 1, 2023.

9 An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education law

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

11 * * * Special Education Funding * * *

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

13 § 2961. CENSUS GRANT

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15 (d)(1)(A) For fiscal year 2023, the amount of the census grant for a
16 supervisory union shall be:

17 ~~(i) the average amount it received for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and~~
18 ~~2020, and 2021 from the State for special education under sections 2961~~
19 ~~(standard mainstream block grants), 2965 (special education expenditures~~

1 ~~reimbursement), and 2963a (exceptional circumstances) of this title; increased~~
2 ~~by~~

3 *(i) the average amount it received for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and*
4 *2020, or the average amount it received for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021,*
5 *whichever amount is greater, from the State for special education under*
6 *sections 2961 (standard mainstream block grants), 2963 (special education*
7 *expenditures reimbursement), and 2963a (exceptional circumstances) of this*
8 *title; increased by*

9 (ii) the annual change in the National Income and Product
10 Accounts (NIPA) Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government
11 Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment as reported by the
12 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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

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

17 It is the intent of the General Assembly to allow educators and staff time to
18 adequately prepare for the delivery of special education services as required
19 under the State Board of Education special education rules series 2360, which
20 takes effect on July 1, 2022. Therefore, notwithstanding any provision to the
21 contrary under 16 V.S.A. § 164, the State Board of Education shall suspend the

1 implementation of rules 2362 and 2362.2.5 until July 1, 2023. The remaining
2 rules under the 2360 rule series shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

3 * * * Effective Date * * *

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.