Introduced by Committee on Education

Date:

Subject: Education; miscellaneous

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

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, and 2021 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.