

S.261

An act relating to municipal retention of property tax collections

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

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) is amended to read:

(c)(1) The treasurer of each municipality shall by December 1 of the year in which the tax is levied and on June 1 of the following year pay to the State Treasurer for deposit in the ~~education fund~~ Education Fund one-half of the municipality's statewide nonhomestead tax and one-half of the municipality's homestead education tax, as determined under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(2) The Secretary of Education shall determine ~~the~~ each municipality's net nonhomestead education tax payment and its net homestead education tax payment to the State based on grand list information received by the Secretary ~~no~~ not later than the March 15 prior to the June 1 net payment. Payment shall be accompanied by a return prescribed by the Secretary of Education. ~~The~~ Each municipality may retain 0.225 of one percent of the total education tax collected, only upon timely remittance of net payment to the State Treasurer or to the applicable school district or districts. ~~The~~ Each municipality may also retain \$15.00 for each late property tax credit claim filed after April 15 and before September 2, as notified by the Department of Taxes, for the cost of issuing a new property tax bill.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.