

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 261  
3 entitled “An act relating to municipal retention of property tax collections”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in  
6 lieu thereof the following:

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

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

14 (2) The Secretary of Education shall determine ~~the~~ each municipality’s  
15 net nonhomestead education tax payment and its net homestead education tax  
16 payment to the State based on grand list information received by the Secretary  
17 ~~no~~ not later than the March 15 prior to the June 1 net payment. Payment shall  
18 be accompanied by a return prescribed by the Secretary of Education. ~~The~~  
19 Each municipality may retain 0.225 of one percent of the total education tax  
20 collected, only upon timely remittance of net payment to the State Treasurer or  
21 to the applicable school district or districts. ~~The~~ Each municipality may also

1 retain \$15.00 for each late property tax credit claim filed after April 15 and  
2 before September 2, as notified by the Department of Taxes, for the cost of  
3 issuing a new property tax bill.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.

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12 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE