

S.220

Introduced by Senator Baruth

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Taxation and finance; education property tax; education; State

funding of public education; education spending; per pupil education

spending; allowable growth

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the growth in each school district's per pupil education spending in fiscal years 2028 and 2029 to a specified allowable growth percentage of the district's prior year per pupil education spending.

An act relating to addressing education spending in fiscal years 2028 and 2029

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

Sec. 1. ALLOWABLE GROWTH IN EDUCATION SPENDING FOR  
FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal years 2028 and 2029 only, a school district's per pupil education spending, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(14), shall not exceed the sum of the district's per pupil education spending in the prior fiscal year and the district's allowable growth.

1        (b) As used in this section:

2            (1) “Allowable growth” for a school district means the product of the  
3        district’s allowable growth percentage and the district’s per pupil education  
4        spending in the prior fiscal year.

5            (2)(A) “Allowable growth percentage” for a school district means nine  
6        percent of the difference in per pupil education spending in the prior fiscal year  
7        between the district and the highest spending district, excluding gores,  
8        expressed as a percentage of the district’s per pupil education spending in the  
9        prior fiscal year, provided that the minimum allowable growth percentage shall  
10       be three percent.

11           (B) A school district’s “allowable growth percentage” is calculated as  
12        follows:

13           (i) subtract the district’s per pupil education spending in the prior  
14        fiscal year from the highest per pupil education spending in any district,  
15        excluding gores, in the prior fiscal year;

16           (ii) divide the difference determined under subdivision (i) of this  
17        subdivision (2)(B) by the district’s per pupil education spending in the prior  
18        fiscal year; and

19           (iii) multiply the percentage determined under subdivision (ii) of  
20        this subdivision (2)(B) by nine percent.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.