

12 An act relating to addressing education spending in fiscal years 2028 and
13 2029

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

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

17 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal years 2028 and
18 2029 only, a school district's per pupil education spending, as defined in
19 16 V.S.A. § 4001(14), shall not exceed the sum of the district's per pupil
20 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.