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2 Representative Galfetti of Barre Town moves that that the bill be amended  
3 as follows:

4 First: By adding a reader assistance heading and two sections to be Secs.  
5 63a and 63b to read as follows:

6 Sec. 63a. INTENT; TWO-YEAR EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX

7 FREEZE

8 It is the intent of the General Assembly to cap education property tax bills  
9 at fiscal year 2026 levels for fiscal years 2027 through 2028. It is further the  
10 intent of the General Assembly to offset any resulting deficit in the Education  
11 Fund with monies from the General Fund to ensure that statewide education  
12 spending is fully funded for the duration of the education property tax freeze.

13 Sec. 63b. EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX FREEZE; FYS 2027–2028

14 Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5402, in each of fiscal years 2027 through  
15 2028, the Commissioner of Taxes shall bill a property taxpayer in a  
16 municipality at the lesser of:

17 (1) an amount equal to the property tax bill for the parcel using current  
18 fiscal year values and rates; or

19 (2) an amount equal to the property tax bill for the parcel in fiscal year  
20 2026, except in cases where a new building was constructed after April 1,

1 2025, the tax bill shall be determined pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
2 section.

3 Second: By striking out Sec. 64, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting  
4 in lieu thereof a new Sec. 64 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 64. EFFECTIVE DATES

6 This act shall take effect on passage except:

7 (1) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 1 (credit for taxes paid in  
8 another state by an S corporation) shall take effect retroactively on January 1,  
9 2025, and shall apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025.

10 (2) Secs. 3 and 4 (current use; land use change tax) shall take effect on  
11 October 1, 2026.

12 (3) Sec. 20 (grand list definition of parcel) shall take effect on April 1,  
13 2027, and shall apply to grand lists lodged on and after that date.

14 (4) Sec. 22 (Department of Fish and Wildlife rule on fees) shall take  
15 effect on July 1, 2027.

16 (5) Secs. 24–48 (grand list assessment date) shall take effect on July 1,  
17 2031, and shall apply to grand lists lodged after that date.

18 (6) Sec. 58 (Vermont research and development tax credit) shall take  
19 effect on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to taxable years beginning on and  
20 after January 1, 2027.

1           (7) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. 55–57 (decoupling from  
2           select provisions of IRC) and Secs. 60 and 61 (annual link-up) shall take effect  
3           retroactively on January 1, 2026, and shall apply to taxable years beginning on  
4           and after January 1, 2025.

5           (8) Secs. 63a and 63b (property tax freeze) shall take effect on July 1,  
6           2026.