H.955 Senate Floor Amendment - Education Transformation Timeline

May 22, 2026

Passage

- reserve fund account guidance and rulemaking
- Act 73 tax classifications contingencies repealed and replaced with new contingencies

July 1, 2026

- CESAs effective--appointments made w/in 30 days and 1st mtg held w/in 45 days
- data collection for tuitioned students
- State Aid for School Construction Program

Fall, 2026

- **Sept. 1st**: facilitators hired
- **Sept. 15th**: school districts identify members to participate in merger committee process
- **Oct 15**: 1st merger committee meetings held

Dec, 2026

- **Dec. 1st**: PreK funding report due from BFF
- **Dec. 15th**: JFO report on funding mechanisms to distribute funds for education costs

Jan 2027

- **Jan. 15**: Sec. of State report due on Town Meeting Day elections in 2028
- **Jan. 15th**: prek funding report due from BBF

Feb-Mar 2027

- **Feb 1st**: Merger committee status report to General Assembly due
- **March 31st**: DQS rules amend to include intradistrict budgeting and reserve fund standards
- **March 31st**: EQS rules amend to include small/sparse school determination
- **April 1st**: grand list includes dwellings per parcel

Sept 1, 2027

- merger committee final reports due

Dec 2027

- **Dec. 1st**: Sec. of Ed finishes review of merger committee reports and sends recs to SBE
- **Dec .15th**: SBE issues final findings/approval for new unified union school district proposals
- **Dec. 15th**: Tax reports on homestead rate transition and exemption structure due

March 7, 2028

- vote to form proposed unified union school districts held on Town Meeting Day 2028

Jan-July, 2028

- tax classifications transition begins *if foundation formula report is received*
- **July 1st**: December 1 letter updates in anticipation of foundation formula

Dec 1, 2028

- facilitator final report due to GA
- AOE report due to GA with CESA boundary adjustment recommendations

July 1, 2029

- *effective if contingencies met*:
- foundation formula
- statewide education tax and supplemental district spending tax
- homestead exemption replaces PTC
- new tax classification system
- prohibition on fees or tuition beyond public tuition amount
- new school districts operational

Dec 15, 2029

- Tax proposal for RAD boundaries due *if the foundation formula report and facilitator final merger report are received*

Jan 1, 2031

- regional assessment districts take effect

July 1, 2031

- RAD appeals boards commence jurisdiction
- grand list assessment day changed to January 1 *per H.933*