

1 Sec. **X**. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 82, Sec. 1, as amended by 2024 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 108, Sec. 3, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 1. REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE
4 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAXES THAT WERE ABATED DUE
5 TO FLOODING

6 (a)(1) The Commissioner of Taxes may approve an application by a
7 municipality for reimbursement of State education property tax payments owed
8 under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16 V.S.A. § 426. To be eligible for
9 reimbursement under this section, prior to November 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, a
10 municipality must have abated, in proportion to the abated municipal tax,
11 under 24 V.S.A. § 1535 the State education property taxes that were assessed
12 on eligible property, after application of any property tax credit allowed under
13 32 V.S.A. chapter 154.

14 (2) As used in this subsection, “eligible property” means property lost
15 or destroyed due directly or indirectly to severe storms and flooding in an area
16 that was declared a federal disaster between July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~
17 December 31, 2024, provided the loss or destruction resulted in one or more of
18 the following:

19 (A) a 50 percent or greater loss in value to the primary structure on
20 the property;

1 (B) loss of use by the property owner of the primary structure on the
2 property for 60 days or more;

3 (C) loss of access by the property owner to utilities for the primary
4 structure on the property for 60 days or more; or

5 (D) condemnation of the primary structure on the property under
6 federal, State, or municipal law, as applicable.

7 (b) If a municipality demonstrates that, due to disruption to tax collections
8 resulting from flooding in an area that was declared a federal disaster between
9 July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~ December 31, 2024, the municipality
10 incurred unanticipated interest expenses on funds borrowed to make State
11 education property tax payments owed under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16
12 V.S.A. § 426, the municipality may be reimbursed by an amount equal to its
13 reasonable interest expenses under this subsection, provided the amount of
14 reimbursed interest expenses shall not exceed eight percent.

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16 Sec. **X**. EFFECTIVE DATES

17 Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. **X** (flooding abatement
18 reimbursement program) shall take effect retroactively on November 15, 2024.

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