

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Education to which was referred House Bill No. 716  
3 entitled “An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education law”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all after  
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 \* \* \* Special Education Funding \* \* \*

8 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2961 is amended to read:

9 § 2961. CENSUS GRANT

10 \* \* \*

11 (d)(1)(A) For fiscal year 2023, the amount of the census grant for a  
12 supervisory union shall be:

13 (i) the average amount it received for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and  
14 2020, or the average amount it received for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021,  
15 whichever amount is greater, from the State for special education under  
16 sections 2961 (standard mainstream block grants), 2963 (special education  
17 expenditures reimbursement), and 2963a (exceptional circumstances) of this  
18 title; increased by

19 (ii) the annual change in the National Income and Product  
20 Accounts (NIPA) Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government

1 Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment as reported by the  
2 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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4 \* \* \* Special Education Rule Change; Delay \* \* \*

5 **Sec. 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2360 RULE SERIES; PARTIAL**

6 DELAY

7 (a) Rule delay.

8 (b) Waiver.

9 (c) Remove Sec. 2 (no delay).

10 \* \* \* Education Quality Standards; Rulemaking \* \* \*

11 **Sec. 3. HOLOCAUST EDUCATION; REPORT AND**

12 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

13 On or before January 15, 2023, the Agency of Education shall issue a  
14 written report to the Senate and House Committees on Education on the status  
15 of Holocaust education in public schools and its recommendations to ensure  
16 that Holocaust education is included in the educational programs provided to  
17 students in public schools. In preparing the report and recommendations, the  
18 Agency of Education shall work with the Vermont Holocaust Memorial to  
19 avail themselves of that organization's knowledge of the subject and  
20 experience in Vermont schools.

21 \* \* \* Crime Insurance Coverage for School Districts \* \* \*

1 Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 492 is amended to read:

2 § 492. POWERS, DUTIES, AND LIABILITIES; BONDS

3 (a) The powers, duties, and liabilities of the collector, treasurer, prudential  
4 committee, and clerk shall be like those of a town collector, treasurer, board of  
5 school directors, and the school board clerk, respectively.

6 (b) Before entering upon their duties, the collector and treasurer shall give a  
7 bond to the district conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties, in  
8 such sum as may be required. ~~When~~ In lieu of taking a bond from a collector  
9 or treasurer, or both, a school district may choose to provide suitable crime  
10 insurance covering the collector or treasurer, or both. If a school district has  
11 not provided suitable crime insurance in lieu of a bond and a collector or  
12 treasurer for 10 days neglects to give a bond as required, ~~his or her~~ that office  
13 shall be vacant.

14 \* \* \* Peer Review Support Grant Program \* \* \*

15 Sec. 5. EDUCATOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATION;

16 REPORT

17 (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to encourage and support the  
18 development and retention of qualified and effective Vermont educators. To  
19 combat the growing educator shortage throughout the State and meet the needs  
20 of Vermont students, it is necessary to invest in nontraditional educator  
21 training programs.

1        (b) Grant program.

2            (1) Program creation. In fiscal year 2023, there is established the Peer  
3        Review Support Grant Program, to be administered by the Agency of  
4        Education, to provide grants to expand support, mentoring, and professional  
5        development to prospective educators seeking licensure through the Agency of  
6        Education’s peer review process, with the goal of increased program  
7        completion rates.

8            (2) Program administration. The Agency shall adopt policies,  
9        procedures, and guidelines necessary for implementation of the Program  
10       described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

11           (3) Eligibility criteria. The Agency shall issue grants to organizations **or**  
12        **school districts** with programs designed to provide prospective educators in the  
13        peer review program the support necessary for successful completion of the  
14        peer review process by providing:

15                (A) support through the Praxis exam process;

16                (B) local educator lead seminars designed around the Vermont  
17        licensure portfolio themes;

18                (C) local educator mentors;

19                (D) support in completing the peer review portfolio and licensing  
20        process; and



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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE