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2 Introduced by Representatives Partridge of Windham, Coffey of Guilford,  
3 Colston of Winooski, Fegard of Berkshire, Trieber of  
4 Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, and  
5 Yantachka of Charlotte

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Education; special education; prekindergarten; funding

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
10 State to provide the same level of State aid for special education to a  
11 prekindergarten student as it provides to a student in kindergarten through  
12 grade 12.

13 An act relating to increasing special education State aid for prekindergarten  
14 students

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

16 Sec. 1. SPECIAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS; PREKINDERGARTEN

17 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the amount of  
18 an essential early education grant awarded to a supervisory union in a fiscal  
19 year under 16 V.S.A. § 2948 for a prekindergarten student is less than the  
20 amount of State aid that would have been paid by the State to the supervisory

1 union under 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 had the student been in kindergarten  
2 through grade 12, then the State shall make an additional payment out of the  
3 Education Fund for that fiscal year to that supervisory union in an amount  
4 necessary to result in the supervisory union receiving for that student an  
5 amount that is equal to the amount of State aid that would have been paid by  
6 the State to the supervisory union under 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 had that student  
7 been in kindergarten through grade 12.

8 (b) This section is repealed on July 1, 2021.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.