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## Overview of Special Education Funding Changes

This chart reflects the one-year delay implemented by the Vermont General Assembly in 2019, No. 72, Sec. E, 502.2. Additional changes may be made in a future legislative session.

|               | FY2020   | FY2021   | FY2022   | FY2023-FY2024   | FY2025+  |
|---------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Funding Model | AOE will reimburse 60% of all special education expenditures | <p>CURRENT LAW: AOE will calculate a census amount for each SU, every SU will receive a grant equivalent to the census amount multiplied by its long-term membership</p> <p>POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION: AOE will reimburse 60% of all special education expenditures</p> | AOE will calculate a census amount for each SU, every SU will receive a grant equivalent to the census amount multiplied by its long-term membership | AOE will provide census grants based on a published schedule that gradually moves all SUs to the uniform base amount, multiplied by each SUs long-term membership | All SUs will receive the Uniform Base amount multiplied by the SU's long term membership |
| Service Plans | Full-service plans for all special education reimbursement   | <p>CURRENT LAW: Service plans no longer required</p> <p>AOE RESPONSE TO DELAY: AOE will collect full-service plans for all special education reimbursement</p>   | Service plans only for extraordinary costs students and federal requirements   | Service plans only for extraordinary costs students and federal requirements  | Service plans only for extraordinary costs students and federal requirements             |

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| <b>Monitoring</b>                        | The AOE will select SUs for expenditure monitoring                                       | The AOE will select SUs for expenditure monitoring   | To be determined  | To be determined  | To be determined  |
| <b>Threshold for Extraordinary Costs</b> | State reimburses at statewide rate for the first \$60K and 95% thereafter                | CURRENT LAW: New statutory formula<br><br>POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION: State reimburses statewide rate for the first \$60K and 95% thereafter | New statutory formula   | New statutory formula   | New statutory formula   |
| <b>Special Education Rules</b>           | Under development with Working Group   | Rules developed and adopted  | New rules go into effect  | New rules in effect   | New rules in effect   |
| <b>State Appropriation</b>               | Based on the FY 2020 service plans that were submitted to the Agency in the fall of 2018 | Based on FY2021 Service plans submitted in fall of 2019  | Calculated by AOE based on census grant calculation and service plans submitted in fall of 2020 | Calculated by AOE based on census grant calculation and service plans submitted previous year | Calculated by AOE based on census grant calculation and service plans submitted previous year |