

# Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office

---

One Baldwin Street • Montpelier, VT 05633-5701 • (802) 828-2295 • Fax: (802) 828-2483

## *FISCAL NOTE*

Date: March 13, 2020

Prepared by: Mark Perrault

H.668 An act relating to providing assistance to supervisory unions in their implementation of 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 173 by providing grant funding to build systems-driven, sustainable literacy support for all students

### Section 1. Purpose

### Section 2. Findings

### Section 3. Literacy Grant Program

Creates a grant program that will enable supervisory unions to adopt best practices in teaching literacy instruction to students in prekindergarten through grade 3. Up to \$100,000 shall be awarded each year to each successful application.

### Section 4. Appropriation of Funds

Appropriates \$800,000 from the Education Fund to the Agency of Education (AOE) for FY2021. Allows AOE to set aside: (1) not more than two percent of funds for information and technical assistance; and (2) not more than two percent of funds for evaluations required for the evaluations required under the Literacy Grant Program established in Section 3.

### Section 5. Duties of Supervisory Union Board

Requires Supervisory Union Boards to adopt a benchmark literacy assessment for all student in prekindergarten-grade 3.

### Section 6. Effective Date

Effective upon passage.