

HOUSE No. 00151

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay Kaufman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act further providing for reimbursement to cities and towns for extraordinary special education costs..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jay Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen R. Canessa</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Jay Kaufman of Lexington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00151) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others for legislation to provide for reimbursement to cities and towns for extraordinary special education costs. Joint Committee on Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 445 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act further providing for reimbursement to cities and towns for extraordinary special education costs..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the
- 2 2008 Official edition is hereby amended by:
- 3 Amending the definition of “Foundation assistants”, by deleting subpart (e), and inserting in
- 4 place thereof, the following subpart: - (e) one hundred and twenty-five thousandths multiplied by
- 5 the actual in-school special education enrollment as stated in the previous years October 1, report
- 6 to the Department of Education or as otherwise reported to said Department.
- 7 Further, amending the definition of “Foundation central office professional staff”, by deleting
- 8 subpart (c), and inserting in place thereof, the following subpart: - (c) two hundredths multiplied

9 by the sum of the actual in-school special education enrollment and the actual residential and day
10 tuitions paid for all students counted in the special education enrollment.

11 Further, deleting the definition of “Foundation non-salary expenses”, and inserting in place
12 thereof, the following definition: - the sum of foundation athletic expenses, foundation
13 extracurricular activity expenses, foundation utility and ordinary maintenance expenses,
14 foundation benefits, foundation special education tuition, defined as the actual amount spent by
15 each city, town or district for day or residential tuition payments for special education students
16 and all contracted services relating to provision of any special education service required by
17 M.G.L. c. 71B, and foundation miscellaneous expenses.

18 Further, amending the definition of “Foundation support staff”, by deleting subpart (e), and
19 inserting in place thereof, the following subpart: - (e) seventy-six thousandths multiplied by the
20 actual in-school special education enrollment as stated in the previous years October 1, report to
21 the Department of Education or as otherwise reported to said Department.

22 Further, amending the definition of “Foundation teaching staff”, by deleting subpart (g), and
23 inserting in place thereof, the following subpart: - (g) the actual in-school special education
24 enrollment as stated in the previous years October 1, report to the Department of Education or as
25 otherwise reported to said Department.

26 SECTION 2. The provisions of section 3 of Chapter 70 of the Massachusetts General Laws as
27 appearing in the 2008 Official edition is hereby amended by:

28 Inserting in place of paragraph three, the following: - The foundation budget shall be calculated
29 using foundation enrollments for the respective fiscal years as estimated by the department
30 according to the procedures outlined in section 2 and shall be increased annually as required by

31 this paragraph. The monetary factors used in calculating the foundation budget for such years
32 shall be adjusted for inflation by multiplying each such factor by the foundation inflation index.
33 The factors to be inflated shall be the monetary values for the foundation payroll, foundation
34 non-salary expenses, professional development allotment, expanded program allotment,
35 extraordinary maintenance allotment and book and equipment allotment. Additionally, cities,
36 towns and districts of the Commonwealth will receive extraordinary special education aid
37 according to the following formula: In fiscal year 2012 school districts will receive eighty
38 percent of all special education costs, including transportation costs if the city, town, or district
39 utilizes a regional transportation network to reduce transportation costs or other collaborative and
40 demonstrated efforts to reduce such costs, above 3.75 times the per pupil foundation budget;
41 eighty percent of all such costs above 3.5 times the per pupil foundation budget for fiscal year
42 2013; eighty percent of all such costs above 3.25 per pupil foundation budget for fiscal year 2010
43 and eighty percent of all such costs above 3.0 times the per pupil foundation budget for fiscal
44 year 2015. Cities, towns and school districts will be eligible for extraordinary special education
45 funding from the Commonwealth will be distributed to cities, towns and districts in the budget
46 year that the tuition are payable.