

HOUSE No. 1785

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to enhance regional services through county governments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1785) of William C. Galvin and others relative to the establishment of grant programs to enhance regional services through county governments. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to enhance regional services through county governments.

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. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after Section
2 62 the following section:-

3 Section 63. Municipal regionalization and efficiencies incentive reserve

4 The executive office for administration and finance shall operate on an annual basis a
5 municipal regionalization and efficiencies incentive reserve to support municipal improvements,
6 provided that funding within the reserve shall be transferred to the executive office of public
7 safety and security for a competitive grant program for public safety and emergency staffing to
8 be administered by that executive office; provided further, that the grants shall be awarded to
9 communities that have populations of at least 60,000 and demonstrate that their police
10 departments had an operating budget per capita of less than \$200 in fiscal year 2016; provided
11 further, that funding shall be expended from the reserve for a multi-year competitive grant
12 program to provide financial support for one-time or transition costs related to regionalization

13 and other efficiency initiatives, with allowable applicants to include municipalities, regional
14 school districts, school districts considering forming a regional school district or regionalizing
15 services, regional planning agencies, counties and councils of governments; and provided
16 further, that funding from said reserve shall be expended for an incentive program for
17 communities and municipalities engaging in the use of best practices determined by the
18 Community Compact Cabinet created by Executive Order 554 issued January 23, 2015.