

HOUSE No. 01931

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 Resolve:

Resolve relative to an improving the calculation of foundation budgets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>David Vieira,</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1931) of Frost and others relative to an the calculation of foundation budgets Joint Committee on Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

RESOLVE Resolve relative to an improving the calculation of foundation budgets

Resolved,

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special
2 commission to study and report on ways to improve the calculation of foundation budgets to
3 more adequately reflect the differences between educating a student in an urban community and
4 a suburban or rural community, including the possibility of establishing alternate funding
5 formulas to represent regional differences. The commission shall consist of the commissioner of
6 education; 3 members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall to be appointed by the
7 speaker of the house, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house; 3
8 members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president, and 1 of whom
9 shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; the Secretary of Administration and Finance or
10 their designee; the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education or their designee; a
11 representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association; and a member appointed by the
12 governor. The scope of the commission shall include, but shall not be limited to: researching the
13 adequacy of the current chapter 70 education formula; investigating the financial impact of
14 altering the calculation of the foundation budget on cities and towns and the state budgeting
15 process; analyzing the various factors that contribute to calculating the foundation budgets based

16 upon the unique aspects of the different regions and demographics of the Commonwealth; and
17 the possibility of implementing different foundation budget calculations for different regions of
18 the Commonwealth. The commission shall submit its report to the board of education, the joint
19 committee on education, and the senate and house clerks no later than one months after the
20 passage of this act.