

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 244**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James J. Dwyer*

*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 relative to school transportation for homeless children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James J. Dwyer*

*Timothy R. Whelan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*30th Middlesex*

*1st Barnstable*

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By Mr. Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 244) of James J. Dwyer and Timothy R. Whelan relative to school transportation for homeless children. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to school transportation for homeless children.

*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 16C 1/2. The school district shall provide transportation for children and youth  
2   experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and,  
3   the commonwealth shall reimburse such district the cost to provide said transportation minus the  
4   amount of any Federal allocation to districts to defray the excess cost of providing transportation  
5   to students experiencing homelessness. The state treasurer shall annually, on or before November  
6   twentieth, pay to school districts, subject to appropriation, the sums required for such  
7   reimbursement and approved by the commissioner of education.

8           School districts may establish a Homeless Children and Youth School Transportation  
9   Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this section may  
10   be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year. Reimbursements made by the  
11   commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into the fund to immediately reimburse  
12   the school department for said costs; provided that any unexpended funds shall be allowed to be  
13   carried forward for one fiscal year.