

HOUSE No. 252

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson and James M. Kelcourse

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 foundation budgets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

Timothy R. Whelan
Jonathan D. Zlotnik

1st Barnstable
2nd Worcester

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By Representatives Ferguson of Holden and Kelcourse of Amesbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 252) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others relative to school foundation budgets. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to school foundation budgets.

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 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 3A the following new section:-

3 Section 3B. On or before January 15 the secretary of administration and finance shall
4 meet with the house and senate committees on ways and means to jointly determine an
5 implementation schedule to fulfill the recommendations filed on November 2, 2015 by the
6 foundation budget review commission established under section 4 of chapter 70. The
7 implementation schedule shall establish a foundation budget as defined in section 2 of said
8 chapter 70 for current employee and retiree health insurance costs as recommended in the
9 foundation budget review commission’s final report, over a period of 5 fiscal years; provided,
10 however, that in the first year of the term of office of a governor who has not served in the
11 preceding year the parties shall determine an implementation schedule not later than January 31
12 of that year. Said schedule of implementation shall not exceed 5 fiscal years and shall in each

13 fiscal year set the appropriation required to fully fund the foundation budget incorporating the
14 aforementioned health insurance costs by fiscal year 2023. In determining the schedule of
15 implementation, the secretary of administration and finance and house and senate committees on
16 ways and means shall hold a public hearing and receive testimony from the commissioner of
17 elementary and secondary education and other interested parties. The schedule may be amended
18 by agreement of the senate and house ways and means committees in any of the 5 fiscal years to
19 reflect changes in enrollment, inflation, student populations, or other factors that would affect the
20 remaining costs in the schedule; provided, however, that the final year of the schedule shall not
21 surpass fiscal year 2023, but the schedule may be fully implemented prior to fiscal year 2023.
22 The implementation schedule shall be included in a joint resolution and placed before the
23 members of the general court for their consideration. The implementation schedule shall be
24 subject to appropriation.