

HOUSE No. 4090

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka and Paul McMurtry

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 authorizing the Norfolk County Treasurer to borrow funds for repairs to the Norfolk County Agricultural School.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i> | <i>8th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Bruce J. Ayers</i> | <i>1st Norfolk</i> |
| <i>William C. Galvin</i> | <i>6th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i> | <i>13th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>James M. Murphy</i> | <i>4th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>John F. Keenan</i> | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Michael F. Rush</i> | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i> |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i> | <i>12th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |

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By Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louis L. Kafka, Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to authorize the county commissioners of Norfolk County to borrow money for the repair, renovation and construction, equipping and furnishing of buildings at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School in the town of Walpole. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act authorizing the Norfolk County Treasurer to borrow funds for repairs to the Norfolk County Agricultural School.

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. The Norfolk County Commissioners may raise and expend a sum not
2 exceeding \$5,249,135 to fund preparation of plans and specifications and construction of repairs
3 and replacements, including the partial or full replacement of roof, windows/doors and required
4 consequential renovations and appurtenances and related equipment and furnishings of the
5 facilities of the Norfolk County Agricultural School, including the Administration Building,
6 located at 400 Main street in the Town of Walpole as associated with the project scope and
7 budget agreement approved by the Massachusetts School Building Authority on August 28,
8 2019. Said sum shall be expended under the direction of the Norfolk County Agricultural School
9 Board of Trustees acting as the Building Committee. The Massachusetts School Building
10 Authority’s accelerated repair grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based
11 on need, as determined by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and any cost the

12 Norfolk County Agricultural School incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from
13 the Massachusetts School Building Authority shall be the sole responsibility of the Norfolk
14 County Agricultural School. The amount of this authorization shall be reduced by any grant
15 amount set forth and received in the project scope and budget agreement.

16 SECTION 2. For the purposes in section 1, the Norfolk County Treasurer, with the
17 approval of the Norfolk County Commissioners and the Norfolk County Advisory Board, may
18 borrow upon the credit of Norfolk County such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the
19 aggregate, \$5,249,135 and may issue bonds or notes of the County thereafter, which shall bear
20 on their face the words "Norfolk County Agricultural School Loan, Act of 2019". Each
21 authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and each such loan shall be payable not more
22 than 30 years from the date of issuance. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the Norfolk
23 County Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Norfolk County Commissioners. The
24 County may sell such securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the
25 County Commissioners may deem proper, but not less than par value. Any premium received
26 upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the
27 payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs
28 approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby
29 reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

30 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the maturities of each issue of bonds
31 issued pursuant to this Act shall be arranged so that, for each issue, the amount payable in the
32 several years for principal and interest combined shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the
33 opinion of the officers authorized to issue bonds or, in the alternative, in accordance with a

34 schedule providing for more rapid payment of principal. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall,
35 except as herein provided, be subject to chapter 35 of the General Laws.

36 SECTION 3. The Norfolk County Commissioners may raise and expend a sum not
37 exceeding \$1,500,000 to fund costs of preparation of plans and specifications and construction of
38 various capital repairs and related improvements including replacement of roofs and other
39 exterior repairs, replacement of elevators and boilers and general interior refurbishments and
40 requisite consequential renovations and appurtenances, together with related equipment and
41 furnishings of County buildings situated in cities and towns within the County including, but not
42 limited to, the City of Quincy, the Town of Dedham and the Town of Wrentham. Said sum shall
43 be expended under the direction of the Norfolk County Commissioners.

44 SECTION 4. For the purposes in section 3, the Norfolk County Treasurer, with the
45 approval of the Norfolk County Commissioners and the Norfolk County Advisory Board, may
46 borrow upon the credit of Norfolk County such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the
47 aggregate, \$1,500,000 and may issue bonds or notes of the County thereafter, which shall bear
48 on their face the words "Norfolk County Building Improvement Loan, Act of 2019". Each
49 authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and each such loan shall be payable not more
50 than 30 years from the date of issuance. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the Norfolk
51 County Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Norfolk County Commissioners. The
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62 schedule providing for more rapid payment of principal. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall,
63 except as herein provided, be subject to chapter 35 of the General Laws.

64 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.