

SENATE No. 1721

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 requiring the disclosure of public funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia D. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1721) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to require the disclosure of public funding. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1664 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act requiring the disclosure of public funding.

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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 6E the following section:-

3 Section 6F. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following
4 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5 “Entity”, a corporation and a foreign corporation; a domestic or foreign nonprofit
6 corporation; a profit and a nonprofit unincorporated association; a limited liability company; a
7 business trust; an estate; a partnership; a registered limited liability partnership; a trust and 2 or
8 more persons having a joint or common economic interest; an entity that is of a type created by
9 filing a public organic document; quasi-governmental organization; limited partnership, general

10 partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, joint venture and joint stock
11 company.

12 “Financial support”, funds received through the appropriations process, funds received
13 through capital bonds, grants exceeding \$10,000, funds from a trust in which the commonwealth
14 acts as a fiduciary administering funds on behalf of other parties or tax credits totaling at least
15 \$100,000 during the fiscal year.

16 “Public”, the general public, including, but not limited to clients, potential clients,
17 shareholders and beneficiaries of the entity; but shall not include employees of the entity and
18 agents of the government acting in their official capacity.

19 (b) Any entity receiving financial support from the commonwealth shall disclose this
20 information by printing a disclosure on the entity’s letterhead and on all other electronic and
21 printed materials distributed to the public. The disclosure shall also be posted in a prominent
22 place on the entity’s website.

23 (c) The content of the disclosure shall, at a minimum, acknowledge that the entity
24 receives financial support from the commonwealth.