

SENATE No. 00233

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 bill:

An Act relative to increasing the benefit to cities and towns from the special education circuit breaker and including regional transportation network costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Spilka, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 233) of Finegold, Walsh, Garlick and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the special education circuit breaker [Joint Committee on Education].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 275 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to increasing the benefit to cities and towns from the special education circuit breaker and including regional transportation network costs.

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. Section 3 of Chapter 70, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end of the third paragraph the following new sentences:-
3 “Additionally, cities, towns and districts of the Commonwealth will receive extraordinary special
4 education aid according to the following formula: In fiscal year 2013 school districts will
5 receive eighty percent of all special education costs, including transportation costs, if the city,
6 town, or district utilizes a regional transportation network to reduce transportation costs or other
7 collaborative and demonstrated efforts to reduce such costs, above 3.75 times the per pupil
8 foundation budget; eighty percent of all such costs above 3.5 times the per pupil foundation

9 budget for fiscal year 2014; eighty percent of all such costs above 3.25 per pupil foundation
10 budget for fiscal year 2015 and eighty percent of all such costs above 3.0 times the per pupil
11 foundation budget for fiscal year 2016. Cities, towns and school districts will be eligible for
12 extraordinary special education funding from the Commonwealth which will be distributed to
13 cities, towns and districts in the budget year that the tuition are payable.”