

SENATE No. 2490

Senate, May 24, 2016 – Text of amendment (120) (offered by Senator Chang-Diaz) to the Ways and Means amendment (Senate, No. 4) to the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

1 by inserting after Section 27 the following 9 sections:-

2 “SECTION 27A. Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking

3 out section 2, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the

4 following section:-

5 Section 2. As used in this chapter and in chapters 15, 69 and 71, the following

6 words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

7 "Administration allotment", the amounts allotted within a district's foundation

8 budget for administration in any fiscal year; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2017

9 administration allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base

10 year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

11 (i) \$182.01 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation

12 half-day kindergarten enrollment;

13 (ii) \$364 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment, the
14 foundation elementary enrollment, the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment, the
15 foundation high school enrollment, and the foundation vocational enrollment; and

16 (iii) \$2,512.26 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment
17 and the assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment.

18 "Assumed in-school special education enrollment", 4 per cent of the total
19 foundation enrollment in a district not including vocational or preschool enrollment, plus 5 per
20 cent of vocational enrollment.

21 "Assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment", 1 per cent of the total
22 foundation enrollment in a district, not including vocational or preschool enrollment.

23 "Base Aid", in a fiscal year, the total amount of chapter 70 aid provided in the
24 general appropriation act of the previous fiscal year.

25 "Board", the board of elementary and secondary education.

26 "Chapter 70 aid", the sum of a district's base aid, foundation aid increment, if any,
27 and minimum aid increment, if any, in a fiscal year; provided, however that nonoperating district
28 shall receive chapter 70 aid in an amount greater than the district's foundation budget.

29 "Classroom and specialist teachers allotment", the amount allotted within a
30 district's foundation budget for classroom and specialist teachers in a fiscal year; provided,
31 however, that the fiscal year 2017 "classroom and specialist teachers allotment", based on a sum
32 of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted annually by the foundation
33 inflation index:

34 (i) \$1,507.26 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the
35 foundation half-day kindergarten enrollment;

36 (ii) \$3,014.51 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment;

37 (iii) \$3,014.47 multiplied by the foundation elementary enrollment;

38 (iv) \$2,652.75 multiplied by the foundation junior high or middle school
39 enrollment;

40 (v) \$3,901.09 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

41 (vi) \$8,289.83 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment;

42 and

43 (vii) \$6,631.89 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

44 "Combined effort yield", the sum of a municipality's equalized property valuation
45 multiplied by its uniform property percentage and its income multiplied by its uniform income
46 percentage.

47 "Commissioner", the commissioner of elementary and secondary education.

48 "Department", the department of elementary and secondary education.

49 "District" or "School district", the school department of a city or town or a
50 regional school district.

51 "Effort reduction percentage", the percentage of excess effort to be reduced in any
52 given year.

53 "Employee benefits and fixed charges allotment", the amount allotted within a
54 district's foundation budget for employee benefits and fixed charges; provided, however, that for
55 fiscal year 2019 and thereafter, the employee benefits and fixed charges allotment shall be the
56 employee health insurance rate multiplied by the number of active employees for whom the
57 district provides health insurance, plus the retired employee health insurance rate multiplied by
58 the number of the district's retired employees, plus the product of .29 and the sum of the
59 employee health insurance rate and the retired employee health insurance rate.

60 "Employee health insurance rate", the average group insurance commission
61 premium for all plans for the 3 previous fiscal years; provided, however, that the group insurance
62 commission shall annually, not later than June 30, provide the department with data necessary
63 for the determination of such rate or any increase thereof.

64 "English language learner enrollment", the number of students enrolled in English
65 language learners programs established pursuant to chapter 71A, including students enrolled in
66 vocational and technical schools.

67 "English language learner expanded program increment", the amount allotted
68 within a district's foundation budget for additional services for English language learners,
69 including those enrolled in vocational and technical schools; provided, however, that the
70 increment shall be \$2,361 multiplied by the number of English language learners in the district
71 for fiscal year 2017, adjusted annually thereafter by the foundation inflation index.

72 "Enrollment categories", any of the following categories in which a student,
73 including students enrolled in special education programs and students attending a school in
74 another district, pursuant to section 12B of chapter 76, who resides in the district and who

75 attends either a public school in that district or a school for which the district of residence pays
76 tuition, is placed; provided, however, that any such student shall be placed in only 1 enrollment
77 category depending on the grade and program to which the student is assigned; provided further,
78 that English language learners and low-income students shall be placed in 1 of the following
79 enrollment categories and shall be counted for the purposes of calculating the English language
80 learners increment and the low-income expanded program increment:

81 (i) “elementary enrollment”, number of students enrolled in grades 1 to 5,
82 inclusive, and not enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a district;

83 (ii) “high school enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in grades 9 to 12,
84 inclusive, and not enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a district;

85 (iii) “junior high or middle school enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in
86 grades 6 to 8, inclusive, and not enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a
87 district;

88 (iv) “kindergarten enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in kindergarten
89 and not enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a district; provided,
90 however, that in any district in which kindergarten students attend school for a full day, the
91 foundation kindergarten enrollment used to calculate the foundation budget amount described in
92 this section shall be 2 times the kindergarten enrollment number that would otherwise be used
93 for such calculations if the district and all towns responsible for appropriating for the district so
94 request;

95 (v) “preschool enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in preschool
96 programs in a district; and

97 (vi) “vocational enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in vocational,
98 education programs or an agricultural school in a district.

99 “Equalized property valuation”, the annual equalized property valuation for a
100 municipality as determined by the department of revenue pursuant to sections 9, 10 and 10C of
101 chapter 58.

102 "Excess effort", the positive difference, if any, between a municipality's target
103 local contribution and its preliminary contribution.

104 "Foundation aid increment", the positive difference between a district's foundation
105 budget and its required district contribution; provided, however, that from fiscal years 2019 to
106 2025, inclusive, both the district foundation budget and the required district contribution shall be
107 calculated based on the implementation schedule agreed to pursuant to section 5B ½ of chapter
108 29.

109 "Foundation budget", the sum of the administration allotment, instructional
110 leadership allotment, classroom and specialist teachers allotment, other teaching services
111 allotment, professional development allotment, instructional materials, equipment and
112 technology allotment, guidance and psychological allotment, pupil services allotment, operations
113 and maintenance allotment, employee benefits and fixed charges allotment and tuitioned-out
114 special education tuition allotment and the English language learners expanded program
115 increment and the low-income expanded program increment; provided, however, that the base
116 year for calculating the foundation budget shall be fiscal year 2017; provided further, that the
117 base year foundation budget shall be calculated according to the formulas in this section using
118 foundation enrollment as described in this section; and provided further that, for fiscal years

119 thereafter, the foundation budget shall be the base year foundation budget, as adjusted for
120 enrollment and for inflation as set forth in section 3.

121 "Foundation enrollment", the student enrollment of a district in any fiscal year;
122 provided, however, that the "foundation enrollment" shall be the sum of the foundation
123 elementary, junior high or middle school, high school and vocational enrollment plus 1/2 of the
124 sum of the foundation preschool and kindergarten enrollment, including students enrolled in the
125 program for the elimination of racial imbalance under section 12A of chapter 76; and provided
126 further, that annually, not later than March 1 of each calendar year, the department shall certify
127 the foundation enrollment for the next fiscal year as the actual enrollment as reported the
128 previous October.

129 "Foundation inflation index", in fiscal year 2017, the foundation inflation index
130 shall equal 1.000; provided, however, that in fiscal year 2018 and in each fiscal year thereafter,
131 the foundation inflation index shall equal the prior year's foundation inflation index multiplied by
132 the minimum of: (i) the ratio of the value of the implicit price deflator for state and local
133 government purchases in the first quarter of the prior fiscal year to its value in the first quarter of
134 the year 2 years prior; or (ii) 1.045.

135 "General revenue sharing aid", the amount of assistance from the commonwealth
136 to be received by a city or town in a fiscal year from the following local aid programs: (i)
137 payments in lieu of taxes for state-owned lands distributed pursuant to section 17 of chapter 58;
138 (ii) the distribution to cities and towns of the balance of the State Lottery and Gaming Fund in
139 accordance with the clause (c) of the second paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10; and (iii)
140 additional assistance distributed pursuant to section 18E of chapter 58.

141 "Guidance and psychological allotment", the amount allotted within a district's
142 foundation budget for guidance and psychological services; provided, however, that the fiscal
143 year 2017 guidance and psychological allotment, based on a sum of the following rate
144 calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

145 (i) \$109.66 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation
146 half-day kindergarten enrollment;

147 (ii) \$219.36 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment and the
148 foundation elementary enrollment;

149 (iii) \$291.99 multiplied by foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;
150 and

151 (iv) \$366.02 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment and the
152 foundation vocational enrollment.

153 "Income", total income from all sources as reported by the residents of a
154 municipality on income tax returns submitted to the department of revenue for the most recent
155 available calendar year.

156 "Income percentage", the uniform percentage of each municipality's total income
157 which yields 1/2 of the statewide total of combined effort yields in any fiscal year.

158 "Instructional leadership allotment", the amounts allotted within a district's
159 foundation budget for instructional leadership in a fiscal year; provided, however, that for fiscal
160 year 2017, the "instructional leadership allotment" shall be the sum of the following rate
161 calculations; and provided further, that for subsequent fiscal years, "instructional leadership

162 allotment” shall be the sum of the following rates annually adjusted by the foundation inflation
163 index:

164 (i) \$328.72 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation
165 half-day kindergarten enrollment; and

166 (ii) \$657.42 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment, the
167 foundation elementary enrollment, the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment, the
168 foundation high school enrollment and the foundation vocational enrollment.

169 "Instructional materials, equipment and technology allotment", the amount
170 allotted within a district's foundation budget for instructional materials, equipment and
171 technology; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2017 instructional materials, equipment and
172 technology allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year,
173 adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

174 (i) \$ 218.16 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation
175 half-day kindergarten enrollment;

176 (ii) \$436.31 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment, the
177 foundation elementary enrollment and the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;

178 (iii) \$698.10 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

179 (iv) \$349.05 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment;

180 and

181 (v) \$1,221.66 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

182 "Low-income enrollment", the number of children attending school in a district
183 regardless of residence or tuition-paying status, with a family income at or below 185 per cent of
184 the federal poverty level; provided, however, that a low-income child or low-income student
185 shall mean a child who meets these eligibility standards; and provided further, that in
186 determining the total number of low-income students, the department shall use the preceding
187 year's actual number of low-income elementary, junior high or middle school, high school and
188 vocational students and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the preceding year's actual number of low-income kindergarten and
189 preschool students.

190 "Low-income expanded program increment", the amount allotted within a district's
191 foundation budget for each student with a family income at or below 185 per cent of the federal
192 poverty level; provided, however, that the department shall rank each district and divide the
193 districts into septiles; provided further, that each district shall be assigned a low-income septile
194 based on its low income percentage which shall be calculated as its number of low-income
195 students divided by the total foundation enrollment; provided further, that each septile shall be
196 assigned a low-income rate where the rate for the lowest percentage septile shall be \$3,474 and
197 each subsequent septile shall increase by equal amounts up to the highest percentage septile rate
198 of \$8,179; and provided further, that beginning in fiscal year 2019, the rates for each septile shall
199 be annually adjusted according to the foundation inflation index.

200 "Minimum aid", the positive difference between a district's foundation aid, and
201 the product of \$25 multiplied by the district foundation enrollment.

202 "Maximum local contribution", 82.5 per cent of a municipality's foundation
203 budget.

204 "Municipal foundation budget", a city or town's local district's foundation budget
205 plus the sum of its share of the foundation budgets at regional districts or at agricultural schools
206 of which it is a member; provided, however, that a city or town's share of the foundation budget
207 at regional districts or at agricultural schools shall be based upon its share of the total foundation
208 enrollment from all member municipalities at those districts and schools.

209 "Municipal revenue growth factor", the change in local general revenues
210 calculated by subtracting 1 from the quotient calculated by dividing the sum of: (i) the maximum
211 levy for the fiscal year estimated by multiplying the levy limit of the prior fiscal year by a factor
212 equal to 102 ½ per cent plus the average of the percentage increases in the levy limit due to new
213 growth adjustments over the last 3 available years as certified by the department of revenue or as
214 otherwise estimated by the division of local services in the department of revenue where it
215 appears that a municipality may not be entitled to increase its minimum levy limit by 2 ½ per
216 cent; provided, however, that if the highest percentage during such 3 years exceeds the average
217 of the other 2 years' percentages by more than 2 percentage points, then the lowest 3 of the last 4
218 years shall be used for such calculation; (ii) the amount of general revenue sharing aid for the
219 fiscal year; and (iii) other budgeted recurring receipts not including user fees or other charges
220 determined by the division of local services to be associated with the provision of specific
221 municipal services for the prior fiscal year, by the sum of: (1) the actual levy limit for the prior
222 fiscal year; (2) the amount of general revenue sharing aid received for the prior fiscal year; and
223 (3) other recurring receipts not including user fees or other charges determined by the division of
224 local services to be associated with the provision of specific municipal services budgeted by the
225 municipality for the fiscal year preceding the prior fiscal year, if any; provided further, that for
226 the purposes of this calculation, the levy limit shall exclude any amounts generated by overrides

227 applicable to any year after the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993; provided further, that in the
228 absence of an actual levy limit for the prior fiscal year, the actual levy limit for the prior fiscal
229 year shall be estimated by multiplying the actual levy limit of the fiscal year preceding the prior
230 fiscal year by a factor equal to 102 ½ per cent plus the average of the percentage increases in the
231 levy limit due to new growth as specified above; and provided further, that in making any of
232 these required calculations, the division of local services may substitute more current
233 information or such other information as would produce a more accurate estimate of the change
234 in a municipality's general local revenues and the department shall use such growth factor to
235 calculate preliminary contribution, required local contribution and any other factors that directly
236 or indirectly use the municipal growth factor.

237 "Net school spending", the total amount spent for the support of public education,
238 including teacher salary deferrals and tuition payments for children residing in the district who
239 attend a school in another district or other approved facility, determined without regard to
240 whether such amounts are regularly charged to school or nonschool accounts by the municipality
241 for accounting purposes; provided, however, that net school spending shall not include any
242 spending for long-term debt service, and shall not include spending for school lunches and
243 student transportation; provided further that "net school spending" shall also not include tuition
244 revenue or revenue from activity, admission, other charges or any other revenue attributable to
245 public education; provided further, that such revenue shall be made available to the school
246 district which generated the revenue in addition to any financial resources made available by
247 municipalities or state assistance; provided further, that the department, in consultation with the
248 department of revenue, shall promulgate regulations to ensure a uniform method of determining
249 which municipal expenditures shall be appropriated for the support of public education and

250 which revenues are attributable to public education in accordance with this section; and provided
251 further, that the regulations shall include provisions for resolving disputes which may arise
252 between municipal and school officials.

253 "Operations and maintenance allotment", the amount allotted within a district's
254 foundation budget for operations and maintenance; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2017
255 operations and maintenance allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be
256 the base year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

257 (i) \$418.55 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation
258 half-day kindergarten enrollment;

259 (ii) \$837.09 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment and the
260 foundation elementary enrollment;

261 (iii) \$907.52 multiplied by foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;

262 (iv) \$879.93 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

263 (v) \$2,806.32 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment;

264 and

265 (vi) \$1,646.82 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

266 "Other teaching services allotment", the amount allotted within a district's
267 foundation budget for other teaching services; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2017 other
268 teaching services allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base
269 year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

270 (i) \$386.57 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation
271 half-day kindergarten enrollment;

272 (ii) \$773.16 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment and the
273 foundation elementary enrollment;

274 (iii) \$556.55 multiplied by the foundation junior high or middle school
275 enrollment;

276 (iv) \$463.34 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment and the
277 foundation vocational enrollment;

278 (v) \$7,740.10 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment; and

279 (vi) \$38.38 multiplied by the assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment.

280 “Preliminary contribution”, the product of: (i) a municipality's required local
281 contribution for the prior fiscal year; and (ii) 1 plus the municipal revenue growth factor for the
282 current year; provided, however, that if a municipality's preliminary local contribution as a
283 percentage of its foundation budget is more than 2.5 percentage points lower than the target local
284 share, the preliminary contribution shall be recalculated using the municipality's revenue growth
285 factor plus 1 percentage point; and provided further, that if a municipality's preliminary
286 contribution as a percentage of its foundation budget is more than 7.5 percentage points lower
287 than the target local share, the preliminary contribution shall be recalculated using the
288 municipality's revenue growth factor plus 2 percentage points.

289 “Professional development allotment”, the amount allotted within a district's
290 foundation budget for professional development; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2017

291 professional development allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be
292 the base year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

293 (i) \$59.61 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation
294 half-day kindergarten enrollment;

295 (ii) \$119.28 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment;

296 (iii) \$119.30 multiplied by the foundation elementary enrollment;

297 (iv) \$129.32 multiplied by the foundation junior high or middle school
298 enrollment;

299 (v) \$125.39 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

300 (vi) \$399.90 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment;
301 and

302 (vii) \$207.31 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

303 "Property percentage", the uniform percentage of each municipality's total
304 equalized property valuation which yields $\frac{1}{2}$ of the statewide total of combined effort yields in
305 any fiscal year.

306 "Pupil services allotment", the amount allotted within a district's foundation
307 budget for pupil services; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2017 pupil services allotment,
308 based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted annually by the
309 foundation inflation index:

310 (i) \$43.62 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation
311 half-day kindergarten enrollment;

312 (ii) \$87.27 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment;

313 (iii) \$130.90 multiplied by the foundation elementary enrollment and the
314 foundation English learner, full-day enrollment;

315 (iv) \$213.81 multiplied by foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;
316 and

317 (v) \$493.03 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment and the
318 foundation vocational enrollment.

319 "Required district contribution", a local district's share of the municipality's
320 required local contribution or, in a regional district or agricultural school, the sum of the member
321 municipalities' required local contributions apportioned to that regional district or agricultural
322 school.

323 "Required local contribution", the municipality's preliminary contribution minus
324 the product of its excess effort, if any, multiplied by the effort reduction percentage; provided,
325 however, that the "required local contribution" shall be apportioned to each district to which the
326 municipality belongs, in proportion to the municipality's foundation budget at those districts.

327 "Retired employee", an employee of a school district who retired while employed
328 by that district and who receives health insurance benefits through that district.

329 "Retired employee health insurance rate", the average group insurance
330 commission premium for all retiree plans for the 3 previous fiscal years; provided, however, that

331 the group insurance commission shall annually, not later than June 30, provide the department
332 with data necessary for the determination of such rate or any increase thereof.

333 "Statewide target local share", the sum of all municipalities' target local
334 contribution, as a percentage of the sum of all municipal foundation budgets, which shall be set
335 at 60 per cent.

336 "Target aid share", for a local district, 100 per cent minus the municipality's target
337 local share; provided, however, that for a regional district or agricultural school, the "target aid
338 share" shall be 100 per cent minus each member municipality's target local share, multiplied by
339 each municipality's share of the regional district's enrollment, summed for all members of the
340 district.

341 "Target local contribution", the lesser of a municipality's combined effort yield
342 and its maximum local contribution.

343 "Target local share", a municipality's target local contribution as a percentage of
344 its municipal foundation budget.

345 "Tuitioned-out special education allotment", the product of the tuitioned-out
346 special education rate and the assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment.

347 "Tuitioned-out special education rate", 3 times the statewide foundation budget
348 per-pupil amount.

349 "Wage adjustment factor", an adjusted difference between the average annual
350 wage for all jobs in the labor market area in which a municipality is located and the average
351 annual wage in the commonwealth; provided, however, that average annual wage figures shall be

352 published annually by the division of employment and training; provided further, that the wage
353 adjustment factor shall be the sum of 1 plus a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the
354 product of $\frac{1}{3}$ and the difference resulting from subtracting the average annual wage in the
355 commonwealth from the average annual wage of the municipality, and the denominator of which
356 shall be the average annual wage in the commonwealth; and provided further, that the average
357 annual wage of the municipality shall be the sum of:

358 (i) .8 multiplied by the average annual wage for all jobs in the labor market area
359 in which the municipality is located; and

360 (ii) .2 multiplied by the average annual wage of the municipality; provided,
361 however, the wage adjustment factor in any community shall not be less than 1.

362 SECTION 27B. The third paragraph of section 3 of said chapter 70, as so
363 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the
364 following 2 sentences:- The factors to be inflated by the foundation inflation index shall be the
365 monetary values for the administration allotment, the instructional leadership allotment, the
366 classroom and specialist teachers allotment, the other teaching services allotment, the
367 professional development allotment, the instructional materials, equipment and technology
368 allotment, the guidance and psychological allotment, the pupil services allotment, the operations
369 and maintenance allotment, the English language learner expanded program increment and the
370 low-income student expanded program increment.

371 The rates established in section 2 shall serve as the basis for the implementation schedule
372 established annually under section 5B1/2 of chapter 29.

373 SECTION 27C. Said chapter 70 is hereby amended by inserting after section 4 the
374 following section:-

375 Section 4A. (a) The department, in consultation with the executive office of
376 education, shall a convene data advisory committee to promote the improved use of school-level
377 data to inform effective resource allocation decisions at the local level. The data advisory
378 committee shall include, but not be limited to, a representative from the following organizations:
379 the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association of
380 School Superintendents, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, Inc.;
381 the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc.; and the Massachusetts
382 Association of Regional Schools, Inc. The data advisory committee shall assist the department to
383 identify, advise and analyze cost-effective ways to achieve the following goals including, but not
384 limited to:

385 (i) streamlining financial reporting, eliminating duplicate reporting requirements
386 and improving data quality;

387 (ii) strengthening the department’s capacity to analyze and report staffing,
388 scheduling and financial data in ways that support strategic resource allocation decisions at the
389 district and school level;

390 (iii) strengthening district capacity to use data to make strategic resource
391 allocation decisions; and

392 (iv) establishing a data collection and reporting system that:

393 (1) tracks funding allocated for English language learner and low-income students
394 to ensure that spending is targeted to the intended populations and to provide a data source for
395 the foundation budget review commission about the accuracy and adequacy of the low-income
396 and English language learner increments; and

397 (2) allows for access to school-level expenditures and data across all districts to
398 inform the public and policy-makers about effective school-level interventions and investments.

399 (b)The data advisory committee shall report its progress to the board, the senate
400 and house chairs of the joint committee on education and the chairs of the senate and house
401 committees on ways and means not less than semiannually, by December 1 and June 1, and shall
402 make recommendations as necessary for the department to achieve the goals of this section. The
403 department may, in consultation with the data advisory group, develop or procure the data
404 collection and reporting system under clause (iv) of subsection (a).

405 SECTION 27D. Section 5 of said chapter 70 is hereby repealed.

406 SECTION 27E. Section 6 of said chapter 70, as appearing in the 2014 Official
407 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "minimum".

408 SECTION 27F. Said section 6 of said chapter 70, as so appearing, is hereby
409 further amended by striking out, in line 8, the words "but not including equity aid,".

410 SECTION 27G. Section 7 of said chapter 70 is hereby repealed.

411 SECTION 27H. Section 9 of said chapter 70 is hereby repealed.

412 SECTION 27I. Said chapter 70 is hereby further amended by striking out section
413 10, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
414 section:-

415 Section 10. Subject to appropriation, the amount of state aid to be paid to each
416 municipality in each fiscal year under this chapter shall be the sum of the base aid, the
417 foundation aid increment and the minimum aid to which the municipality may be entitled under
418 this chapter