

**SENATE . . . . . No. 275**

**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:
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex
Allen J. McCarthy	7th Plymouth
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Cynthia Stone Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Pam Richardson	6th Middlesex
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Gale D. Candaras	First Hampden and Hampshire

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00364 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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 2006 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby adding at the end thereof the following words:- “Additionally, cities, towns and districts  
3 of the Commonwealth will receive extraordinary special education aid according to the following  
4 formula: In fiscal year 2011 school districts will receive eighty percent of all special education  
5 costs, including transportation costs if the city, town, or district utilizes a regional transportation  
6 network to reduce transportation costs or other collaborative and demonstrated efforts to reduce  
7 such costs, above 3.75 times the per pupil foundation budget; eighty percent of all such costs  
8 above 3.5 times the per pupil foundation budget for fiscal year 2012; eighty percent of all such  
9 costs above 3.25 per pupil foundation budget for fiscal year 2013 and eighty percent of all such  
10 costs above 3.0 times the per pupil foundation budget for fiscal year 2014. Cities, towns and  
11 school districts will be eligible for extraordinary special education funding from the

- 12 Commonwealth which will be distributed to cities, towns and districts in the budget year that the
- 13 tuition are payable.”