

**SENATE . . . . . No. 293**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Tolman**

*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 special education budgets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00381 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGETS.

*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. Recognizing that school districts and municipalities are unable to  
2 adequately plan an education budget because of the volatility of special education costs, and in  
3 an effort to help school districts and municipalities with their growing concern regarding  
4 extraordinary and unanticipated special education cost, the Commonwealth will devise an  
5 insurance policy for municipalities in school districts which will allow them to be reimbursed for  
6 special education costs that exceed 25% of the dollar amount obtained by the formula below:

7           The average special education expenditures for the commonwealth over the last three years,  
8 divided by the average number of public school students in the commonwealth over the last three  
9 years, multiplied by the number of students in a particular school district or municipality.