

SENATE No. 359

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 relative to school operational efficiency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 359) of Jason M. Lewis relative to school operational efficiency. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3757 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to school operational efficiency.

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 4 of chapter 30B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following subsection:-

4 (a) Except as permitted pursuant to this section and section 7, for the procurement of
5 a supply or service in the amount of \$10,000 or greater, but not more than \$100,000, a
6 procurement officer shall seek written quotations from no fewer than 3 persons customarily
7 providing the supply or service. The procurement officer shall record: (1) the names and
8 addresses of all person from whom quotations were sought, (2) the purchase description used for
9 the procurement, (3) the names of the persons submitting quotations and (4) the date and amount
10 of each quotation. Such information shall be retained in the file required pursuant to section 3. A

11 governmental body may require that any procurement in an amount of not more than \$100,000
12 be subject to section 5.

13 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
14 striking out the figure “\$50,000”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the
15 following figure:- \$100,000.

16 SECTION 3. Section 6 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
17 striking out the figure “\$50,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$100,000.

18 SECTION 4. Section 6A of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
19 striking out the figure “\$50,000 or more” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
20 \$100,000

21 SECTION 5. Section 7 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
22 striking out the figure “\$50,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$100,000.

23 SECTION 6. Section 56 of chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
24 the following sentence:- This section shall not prohibit payment to be made for: (i) school travel
25 prior to the date of travel, or (ii) the payment of software licenses, software maintenance
26 agreements or online subscription services for school curriculum prior to the fiscal year in which
27 services will be rendered.

28 SECTION 7. Section 53F ½ of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
29 amended by inserting after the word “utility”, in line 4, the following words:- , school
30 transportation service.

31 SECTION 8. Said section 53F ½ of said chapter 44, as so appearing, is hereby further
32 amended by inserting after the word “enterprise”, in line 22, the following words:- ; provided,
33 however, that the appropriate local entity for a school transportation service shall be the school
34 committee.

35 SECTION 9. Section 49A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
36 amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “, provided that no payment therefor shall be
37 made prior to the commencement of said ensuing fiscal year” and inserting in place thereof the
38 following words:- ; provided, that payment may be made prior to the commencement of said
39 ensuing fiscal year.

40 SECTION 10. Said chapter 71 is hereby further amended by adding the following
41 section:-

42 Section 98. Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 44 or any general or special law to the
43 contrary, a school district may establish a School Transportation Reimbursement Fund.
44 Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into the
45 fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year. Funds received by a school district shall be
46 deposited with the treasurer of the city or town and held as a separate account and expended by
47 the school committee for the purposes of school transportation without further appropriation.

48 SECTION 11. Section 7D of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
49 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:- An application for a
50 license pursuant to this section shall be acted upon within 14 days of submission to the registry.