

HOUSE No. 01087

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martha M. Walz

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 equitable school reimbursement funds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Marty Walz of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01087) of Bruce Tarr and others for legislation relative to equitable school reimbursement funds.. Joint Committee on Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
 SENATE
 , NO. 265 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to equitable school reimbursement funds.

Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to provide additional revenues for school districts, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding section 72 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law
- 2 to the contrary, any funds received by a city, town or regional school district pursuant to said
- 3 section 72 shall be considered unrestricted revenue of the city, town or regional school district.
- 4 Commencing in fiscal year 2012, and every year thereafter, a city or town shall deposit in a
- 5 separate account for expenditures by the school committee not less than 50 per cent of any such

6 funds received. A school committee may receive a percentage of such amount that is larger than
7 said 50 per cent if the committee negotiates an agreement with the executive body of the city or
8 town to receive such a larger percentage. A school committee may make expenditures from the
9 separate account for any lawful educational purpose without further appropriation. Any
10 expenditure from said account shall not be considered net school spending. The receipt of such
11 funds by the school committee from the municipality shall not affect the calculation of the
12 minimum required local contribution and state school aid as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of
13 the General Laws.