

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00161**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*John W. Scibak*

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*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 to establish a school choice circuit breaker.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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*Stephen L. DiNatale*

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*3rd Worcester*

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*Bruce E. Tarr*

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*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, petition (accompanied by Bill, House, No. 00161) of Stephen L. DiNatale and Bruce Tarr relative to establishing a school district reimbursement plan for the Commonwealth. Joint Committee on Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 497 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to establish a school choice circuit breaker.

*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 12B of Chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2003 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (o) the following subsection:–  
3 (p) Any sending district which experiences a net loss of more than 5% of its student population  
4 in a given grade or a net loss of more than 10% of its total student population from the prior year  
5 due to school choice, shall also be eligible to apply for a school choice reimbursement from the  
6 commonwealth as provided in subsection (n) . The reimbursement amount shall be equal to 50  
7 percent of the school choice tuition amount for each student enrolling in a receiving district in  
8 excess of 5% of the total population in a given grade during the prior year for the sending district  
9 or in excess of 10% of the total population during the prior year in the sending district.