

HOUSE No. 1646

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 local impacts of enacted legislation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>William Crocker</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1646) of James M. Cantwell and others for legislation to require that certain legislation enacted by the General Court and approved by the Governor contain fiscal notes or local mandate statements. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2705 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to local impacts of enacted legislation.

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. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after Section
2 27C the following section:-

3 Section 27D. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary:

4 (a) Any law enacted by the governor shall, at the time such law is enacted, be
5 accompanied by a fiscal note. The fiscal note shall contain an estimate of the fiscal impact of the
6 law on the revenues and expenditures of local governments:

7 (i) during the year in which the law becomes effective and the next 4 years after that year;
8 and

9 (ii) if the full fiscal impact of a bill is not expected to occur during those years, during
10 each year until and the first year during which that impact is expected to occur.

11 (b) If a law imposes a mandate on a local government unit, the fiscal note for the law
12 shall contain:

13 (i) a statement that clearly identifies the imposition of the mandate; and

14 (ii) an estimate of the fiscal impact of the mandate.

15 (c) If a law imposes a mandate on a local government unit and requires a mandated
16 appropriation, the fiscal note for the law shall contain:

17 (i) a statement that clearly identifies the imposition of the mandated appropriation; and

18 (ii) an estimate of the fiscal impact of the mandated appropriation.

19 (d) A fiscal note shall identify the sources of the information that was used in preparing
20 the estimates of fiscal impact.