

HOUSE No. 03102

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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 reforming additional assistance to municipalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Joyce A. Spiliotis</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Geraldine Creedon</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen Stat Smith</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>

Benjamin Swan

11th Hampden

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3102) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to assure fair and adequate municipal gap funding for municipalities . Ways and Means (Joint).

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act reforming additional assistance to municipalities.

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

- 1 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 40S the following chapter:-
- 2 Chapter 40T: Additional Assistance to Municipalities
- 3 Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intention of the general court, subject to appropriation, to
- 4 assure fair and adequate municipal gap funding for municipalities in the commonwealth by
- 5 defining a standard of non-school fiscal health applicable to every city and town in the
- 6 commonwealth, stated in the form of a municipal gap that reflects the difference between their
- 7 standard municipal costs and revenue generating capacity.
- 8 Section 2. The following words, as used in this chapter, unless the text otherwise requires or a
- 9 different meaning is specifically required, shall mean—

10 “Additional Assistance”, the amount appropriated to a municipality in section 3 of acts making
11 general appropriations for each fiscal year and designated therein as “unrestricted general
12 government aid,” less the distribution to said municipality pursuant to clause (c) of the second
13 paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws.

14 “Municipal Cost”, the sum of 28.0 times the municipality’s population density, plus 19.8 times
15 the municipality’s poverty rate, plus 81.0 times the municipality’s unemployment rate, plus 272
16 times the jobs per capita rate of the municipality, plus 570.2.

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18 “Municipal Gap”, the difference between municipal costs and municipal revenue raising
19 capacity.

20 “Municipal Revenue Capacity”, the sum of 0.0142 times the per capita taxable residential
21 property value raised to the two-thirds power, multiplied by the per capita income of the
22 municipality’s residents raised to the one-thirds power, plus 0.0126 multiplied by the per capita
23 taxable nonresidential property value of the municipality.

24 “Secretary”, the secretary of administration and finance.

25 Section 3. The secretary shall calculate the municipal gap for each municipality and shall make
26 available to the house and senate committees on ways and means, in an electronically compatible
27 format the underlying data and calculations necessary to generate the municipal gap and each
28 component of state aid authorized for distribution to municipalities pursuant to this chapter.

29 Section 4. Any additional assistance appropriated beyond that contained in Chapter 131 of the
30 acts of 2010 shall be appropriated solely to those municipalities with a municipal gap great than
31 zero and in proportion to each municipalities' municipal gap as determined pursuant to section 3.