HOUSE . . . . No. 330

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Thomas J. Calter

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to special education budgets.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Calter of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 330) of Thomas J. Calter and others relative to establishing an insurance program for municipalities in relation to special education costs. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *355* OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to special education budgets.

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. Recognizing that school districts and municipalities are unable to

2 adequately plan an education budget because of the volatility of special education costs, and in

3 an effort to help school districts and municipalities with their growing concern regarding

4 extraordinary and unanticipated special education cost, the Commonwealth will devise an

5 insurance policy for municipalities in school districts which will allow them to be reimbursed for

6 special education costs that exceed 25% of the dollar amount obtained by the formula below:

7   The average special education expenditures for the commonwealth over the last three

8 years, divided by the average number of public school students in the commonwealth over the

9 last three years, multiplied by the number of students in a particular school district or

10 municipality.