

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 335**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jennifer E. Benson*

*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 regional school district bonus aid.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Jennifer E. Benson*

*37th Middlesex*

*Cory Atkins*

*14th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 335) of Jennifer E. Benson and Cory Atkins for legislation to grant additional aid to newly created regional school districts. Education.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

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An Act relative to regional school district bonus aid.

*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 16D of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (h) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a regional school district formed after  
4 fiscal year 2013 shall be paid additional regional bonus aid for the immediate 5 fiscal years  
5 following the establishment of said regional school district if the formation of the regional school  
6 district results in a net loss of chapter 70 aid to the region. The bonus aid shall be the difference  
7 between chapter 70 aid provided to the sum of the school districts composing the geographic  
8 region of the regional school district, without a designation as a regional school district, and the  
9 chapter 70 aid provided to the newly formed regional district. In the first fiscal year following  
10 the formation of the regional district, bonus aid shall be 100 per cent of the difference; in the  
11 second fiscal year following said formation, bonus aid shall be 80 per cent of said difference; in  
12 the third fiscal year following said formation, bonus aid shall be 60 per cent of said difference; in  
13 the fourth fiscal year following said formation, bonus aid shall be 40 per cent of said difference;  
14 and in the fifth fiscal year following said formation, bonus aid shall be 20 per cent of said  
15 difference.