

HOUSE No. 354

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas J. Calter

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 increasing special education circuit breaker and regional transportation reimbursement .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Calter of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 354) of Thomas J. Calter and others relative to the formula for district reimbursement through the special education circuit breaker . Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An act relative to increasing special education circuit breaker and regional transportation reimbursement .

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. Section 3 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “allotment.” the following
3 words:-

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5 Additionally, cities, towns and districts shall receive extraordinary special education aid
6 according to the following formula: School districts will receive eighty percent of all special
7 education costs, including transportation costs, if the city, town, or district utilizes a regional
8 transportation network to reduce transportation costs or other collaborative and demonstrated
9 efforts to reduce such costs, above 3 times the per pupil foundation budget. Cities, towns and
10 school districts will be eligible for extraordinary special education funding from the
11 Commonwealth which will be distributed to cities, towns and districts in the budget year that the
12 tuition is payable.

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14 SECTION 2. Section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
15 amended by striking out, in line 8, the word “not”.

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17 SECTION 3. Said section 5A of said Chapter 71B of the General Laws, as so appearing,
18 is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 26 through 27, inclusive, the words:-
19 “transportation costs”.

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21 SECTION 4. Said section 5A of said chapter 71B of the General Laws, as so appearing,
22 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 44 and 51, the figure “4” and inserting in place
23 thereof the following figure: 3.