

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 475**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.**

*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:

Resolve establishing a special commission relative to reimbursements of school busing costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3606 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO REINBURSEMENTS OF  
SCHOOL BUSING COSTS.

*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. A special commission is hereby established to investigate and study the  
2 reimbursement of costs to cities and towns by the state for mandatory busing. The investigation and  
3 study shall include, but not be limited to, examining the costs of busing in each municipality, the dates  
4 these costs are submitted to the state for reimbursement, the actual reimbursement amounts received by  
5 the municipality from the state and the timeliness of those amounts following submission. The  
6 commission shall be appointed by the governor and shall consist of 9 members as follows: the house  
7 and senate chairmen of the joint committee on education, arts and humanities who shall serve as co-chairs  
8 of the commission, the house and senate chairmen of the committees on ways and means, or their  
9 designees, the speaker of the house of representatives or his designee, the president of the senate, or his  
10 designee, the commissioner of education, or his designee, the state auditor, or his designee, and a  
11 representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. The commission shall report to the general  
12 court the results of its study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations  
13 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before December 31,  
14 2009