

HOUSE No. 4882

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler

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 equitable regional school agreements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Josh S. Cutler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Plymouth

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By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler relative to the apportionment of expenses under regional school district agreements. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to equitable regional school agreements.

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 16B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 The members of a regional school district, including a vocational regional school district,
5 may elect to reallocate the sum of their required local contributions to the district in accordance
6 with the regional agreement; provided, however, that the total sum of their required contributions
7 shall not be decreased; and provided further, that any change to the assessment method of an
8 existing regional agreement shall require the approval of a majority of the members. Approval of
9 each member shall be given by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting, in the case of
10 towns, or by majority vote of the council, in the case of cities. The commissioner of education
11 shall be notified upon the adoption of this section by this district.