

HOUSE No. 548

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais

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 the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/15/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Ms. Blais of Sunderland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 548) of Natalie M. Blais and David Allen Robertson relative to school building assistance. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 478 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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 35BB of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the figure “1” and inserting
3 in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 2.

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5 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 70B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
6 amended by striking out, in lines 29 and 30, the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof, in each
7 instance, the following figure:- 2.

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9 SECTION 3. Said chapter 70B is hereby amended by inserting after section 5 the
10 following section:-

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12 Section 5A. No eligible applicant that submits a statement of interest to the authority
13 pursuant to section 5 shall be denied an invite to apply for a school facilities grant solely because
14 of the age of the system in need of repair. The authority may consider the age of the system in
15 need of repair as a factor when reviewing applications for the purpose of designating approved
16 school projects pursuant to section 6, and for the purpose of prioritizing the approval of school
17 projects and reimbursements pursuant to section 8; provided, however, that no application shall
18 be rejected based solely on the age of the system in need of repair; and provided, further, that the
19 authority may prioritize the repair of older systems.