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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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:

An Act establishing a three year phase-in of transportation costs into the special education circuit breaker.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kenneth J. Donnelly	☐ *[District]* ☐
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
Michael O. Moore	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 199) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Stephen L. DiNatale and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a three year phase-in of transportation costs into the special education circuit breakers. Education.

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An Act establishing a three year phase-in of transportation costs into the special education circuit breaker.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5A of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words "Said reimbursement shall not include costs incurred by municipalities for transportation."

SECTION 2. Section 5A of chapter 71B, as so appearing, is further amended by inserting, after the words “tuition costs”, in line 21, the following words:- “and transportation costs”.

SECTION 3. Section 5A of chapter 71B, as so appearing, is further amended by striking out, in lines 26 and 27, the words "transportation costs,".

SECTION 4: Chapter 71B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:- Section 17. Municipalities collectively will be reimbursed up to $18,600,000 each year for fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014 for the cost of special education transportation. For each of these years, reimbursement of the cost of special education transportation, up to the maximum amount, shall be allocated proportionally according to the amount that each municipality spends on such transportation costs.