

HOUSE No. 3815

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the withdrawal of the town of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 71 of the general laws or any
2 other general or special law, rule, regulation or agreement to the contrary, the town of
3 Worthington may unilaterally withdraw as a member of the Gateway Regional School District,
4 hereinafter referred to as the district, provided that the commissioner of elementary and
5 secondary education approves the town's plans for the education of its children. The
6 commissioner shall issue his decision within sixty days of submission of said plans, and in the
7 case of disapproval, shall set forth his reasons therefor.

8 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon
9 withdrawal pursuant to section 1, the town of Worthington shall:

10 (1) pay to the district operating and capital costs in accordance with the provisions of
11 section IX of the Gateway Regional School District Regional Agreement, hereinafter referred to
12 as the agreement; and

13 (2) be obligated to pay any repayment amounts due to the Massachusetts School Building
14 Authority (MSBA) in accordance with the provisions of section IX(E) of the agreement, unless
15 or until such amounts have been repaid for all of the buildings or the MSBA no longer requires
16 repayment for the building or buildings.

17 SECTION 3. The effective date of the town's withdrawal from the district shall be
18 determined in accordance with 603 CMR 41.03(2)(a).