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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lori A. Ehrlich

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 relative to education funding

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Thomas M. McGee	*Third Essex and Middlesex*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*
William N. Brownsberger	*[District]*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*

James B. Eldridge	*[District]*
James J. Lyons, Jr.	*18th Essex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Katherine M. Clark	*Middlesex and Essex*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Brian A. Joyce	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth*
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	*12th Worcester*
David M. Torrisi	*14th Essex*

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By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3538) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others for legislation to increase funding by the Commonwealth under the education foundation budget for public school districts. Education.

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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. Chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 2, the following section:-

Section 2A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2, any other section of this chapter, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commonwealth shall appropriate and expend whatever funds necessary to establish a minimum funding contribution of not less than 17.5 per cent of the gross education foundation budget for each municipal, regional or other school district governed under this chapter.

SECTION 2. The commonwealth shall fund each municipal, regional or other school district at the required rate of not less than 17.5 per cent of the gross education foundation budget, as established pursuant to section1, on or before June 30, 2014. Any municipal, regional or other school district currently funded at less than 17.5 per cent of the gross education foundation budget shall be phased into compliance by funding half of any funding deficiency in fiscal year 2013 and by funding the remaining deficiency in fiscal year 2014.

SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.