

SENATE No. 2149

Senate, May 24, 2017 -- Text of amendment (75) (offered by Senator Chang-Diaz et al) to the Ways and Means amendment (Senate, No. 3) to the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

1 in Section 19 by striking all after the words “remaining costs in the schedule.” and
2 inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 “The implementation schedule shall be included annually in a joint resolution and placed
4 before the members of the general court, not later than February 15, for their consideration along
5 with any proposed legislation necessary to execute and implement the schedule. The
6 implementation schedule shall be subject to appropriation. Upon completion of the
7 implementation schedule, a joint resolution shall be placed before the members of the general
8 court affirming that the recommendations of the commission have been fulfilled; provided that
9 upon the adoption of such resolution the determination of an annual implementation schedule
10 shall no longer be required.”

11 and further moved that the bill be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following
12 sections:-

13 SECTION XX. Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
14 section 2, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
15 section:-

16 Section 2. As used in this chapter and in chapters 15, 69 and 71, the following words
17 shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

18 "Administration allotment", the amounts allotted within a district's foundation budget for
19 administration in any fiscal year; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2018 administration
20 allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted
21 annually by the foundation inflation index:

22 (i) \$184.03 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-
23 day kindergarten enrollment;

24 (ii) \$368.04 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment, the foundation
25 elementary enrollment, the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment, the foundation
26 high school enrollment, and the foundation vocational enrollment; and

27 (iii) \$2,540.15 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment and the
28 assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment.

29 "Assumed in-school special education enrollment", 4 per cent of the total foundation
30 enrollment in a district not including vocational or preschool enrollment, plus 5 per cent of
31 vocational enrollment.

32 "Assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment", 1 per cent of the total foundation
33 enrollment in a district, not including vocational or preschool enrollment.

34 "Base Aid", in a fiscal year, the total amount of chapter 70 aid provided in the general
35 appropriation act of the previous fiscal year.

36 "Board", the board of elementary and secondary education.

37 "Chapter 70 aid", the sum of a district's base aid, foundation aid increment, if any, and
38 minimum aid increment, if any, in a fiscal year; provided, however that non-operating district
39 shall receive chapter 70 aid in an amount greater than the district's foundation budget.

40 "Classroom and specialist teachers allotment", the amount allotted within a district's
41 foundation budget for classroom and specialist teachers in a fiscal year; provided, however, that
42 the fiscal year 2018 "classroom and specialist teachers allotment", based on a sum of the
43 following rate calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation
44 index:

45 (i) \$1,523.99 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-
46 day kindergarten enrollment;

47 (ii) \$3,047.97 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment;

48 (iii) \$3,047.93 multiplied by the foundation elementary enrollment;

49 (iv) \$2,682.20 multiplied by the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;

50 (v) \$3, 944.39 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

51 (vi) \$8,381.85 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment; and

52 (vii) \$6,705.50 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

53 "Combined effort yield", the sum of a municipality's equalized property valuation
54 multiplied by the uniform property percentage and its income multiplied by the uniform income
55 percentage.

56 "Commissioner", the commissioner of elementary and secondary education.

57 "Department", the department of elementary and secondary education.

58 "District" or "School district", the school department of a city or town or a regional
59 school district.

60 "Effort reduction percentage", the percentage of excess effort to be reduced in any given
61 year.

62 "Employee benefits and fixed charges allotment", the amount allotted within a district's
63 foundation budget for employee benefits and fixed charges; provided, however, that for fiscal
64 year 2018 and thereafter, the employee benefits and fixed charges allotment shall be the
65 employee health insurance rate multiplied by the number of active employees for whom the
66 district provides health insurance, plus the retired employee health insurance rate multiplied by
67 the number of the district's retired employees, plus the product of .29 and the sum of the
68 employee health insurance rate and the retired employee health insurance rate.

69 "Employee health insurance rate", the employer share of the average group insurance
70 commission premium for all plans for the 3 previous fiscal years; provided, however, that the
71 group insurance commission shall annually, not later than June 30, provide the department with
72 data necessary for the determination of such rate or any increase thereof.

73 “English language learner enrollment”, the number of students identified as English
74 language learners pursuant to chapter 71A, including students enrolled in vocational and
75 technical schools.

76 “English language learner expanded program increment”, the amount allotted within a
77 district’s foundation budget for additional services for English language learners, including those
78 enrolled in vocational and technical schools; provided, however, that the increment for fiscal
79 year 2018 shall be \$2,387.20 multiplied by the number of English language learners in the
80 district, adjusted annually thereafter by the foundation inflation index.

81 “Enrollment categories”, any of the following categories in which a student, including
82 students enrolled in special education programs and students attending a school in another
83 district, pursuant to section 12B of chapter 76, who resides in the district and who attends either
84 a public school in that district or a school for which the district of residence pays tuition, is
85 placed; provided, however, that any such student shall be placed in only 1 enrollment category
86 depending on the grade and program to which the student is assigned; provided further, that
87 English language learners and low-income students shall be placed in 1 of the following
88 enrollment categories and shall be counted for the purposes of calculating the English language
89 learners increment and the low-income expanded program increment:

90 (i) “elementary enrollment”, number of students enrolled in grades 1 to 5, inclusive, and
91 not enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a district;

92 (ii) “high school enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in grades 9 to 12,
93 inclusive, and not enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a district;

94 (iii) “junior high or middle school enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in grades
95 6 to 8, inclusive, and not enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a
96 district;

97 (iv) “kindergarten enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in kindergarten and not
98 enrolled in English language learner or vocational programs in a district; provided, however, that
99 in any district in which kindergarten students attend school for a full day in a program that does
100 not charge tuition or fees, the foundation kindergarten enrollment used to calculate the
101 foundation budget amount described in this section shall be 2 times the kindergarten enrollment
102 number that would otherwise be used for such calculations if the district and all towns
103 responsible for appropriating for the district so request;

104 (v) “preschool enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in preschool programs in a
105 district; and

106 (vi) “vocational enrollment”, the number of students enrolled in vocational, education
107 programs or an agricultural school in a district.

108 “Equalized property valuation”, the most recent equalized property valuation for a
109 municipality as determined by the department of revenue pursuant to sections 9, 10 and 10C of
110 chapter 58.

111 "Excess effort", the positive difference, if any, between a municipality's target local
112 contribution and its preliminary contribution.

113 "Foundation aid increment", the positive difference between a district's foundation budget
114 and its required district contribution; provided, however, that until the adoption by the general

115 court of a joint resolution affirming the completion of the implementation schedule fulfilling the
116 recommendations filed on November 2, 2015, by the foundation budget review commission
117 established in section 4 of chapter 70, both the district foundation budget and the required district
118 contribution shall be calculated based on the implementation schedule agreed to pursuant to
119 section 5B ½ of chapter 29.

120 "Foundation budget", the sum of the administration allotment, instructional leadership
121 allotment, classroom and specialist teachers allotment, other teaching services allotment,
122 professional development allotment, instructional materials, equipment and technology
123 allotment, guidance and psychological allotment, pupil services allotment, operations and
124 maintenance allotment, employee benefits and fixed charges allotment and tuitioned-out special
125 education tuition allotment and the English language learners expanded program increment and
126 the low-income expanded program increment; provided, however, that the base year for
127 calculating the foundation budget shall be fiscal year 2018; provided further, that the base year
128 foundation budget shall be calculated according to the formulas in this section using foundation
129 enrollment as described in this section; and provided further that, for fiscal years thereafter, the
130 foundation budget shall be the base year foundation budget, as adjusted for enrollment and for
131 inflation as set forth in section 3.

132 "Foundation enrollment", the student enrollment of a district in any fiscal year; provided,
133 however, that the "foundation enrollment" shall be the sum of the foundation kindergarten,
134 elementary, junior high or middle school, high school and vocational enrollment plus 1/2 of the
135 foundation preschool enrollment, including students enrolled in the program for the elimination
136 of racial imbalance under section 12A of chapter 76; and provided further, that annually, not

137 later than March 1 of each calendar year, the department shall certify the foundation enrollment
138 for the next fiscal year as the actual enrollment as reported the previous October.

139 "Foundation inflation index", in fiscal year 2018, the foundation inflation index shall
140 equal 1.000; provided, however, that in fiscal year 2019 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the
141 foundation inflation index shall equal the prior year's foundation inflation index multiplied by the
142 minimum of: (i) the ratio of the value of the implicit price deflator for state and local government
143 purchases in the first quarter of the prior fiscal year to its value in the first quarter of the year 2
144 years prior; or (ii) 1.045.

145 "General revenue sharing aid", the amount of assistance from the commonwealth to be
146 received by a city or town in a fiscal year from the following local aid programs: (i) payments in
147 lieu of taxes for state-owned lands distributed pursuant to section 17 of chapter 58; (ii) the
148 distribution to cities and towns of the balance of the State Lottery and Gaming Fund in
149 accordance with the clause (c) of the second paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10; and (iii)
150 additional assistance distributed pursuant to section 18E of chapter 58.

151 "Guidance and psychological allotment", the amount allotted within a district's
152 foundation budget for guidance and psychological services; provided, however, that the fiscal
153 year 2018 guidance and psychological allotment, based on a sum of the following rate
154 calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

155 (i) \$110.88 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-
156 day kindergarten enrollment;

157 (ii) \$221.79 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment and the
158 foundation elementary enrollment;

159 (iii) \$295.23 multiplied by foundation junior high or middle school enrollment; and

160 (iv) \$370.08 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment and the foundation

161 vocational enrollment.

162 "Income", total income from all sources as reported by the residents of a municipality on

163 income tax returns submitted to the department of revenue for the most recent available calendar

164 year.

165 "Income percentage", the uniform percentage of each municipality's total income which

166 yields 1/2 of the statewide total of combined effort yields in any fiscal year.

167 "Instructional leadership allotment", the amounts allotted within a district's foundation

168 budget for instructional leadership in a fiscal year; provided, however, that for fiscal year 2018,

169 the "instructional leadership allotment" shall be the sum of the following rate calculations; and

170 provided further, that for subsequent fiscal years, "instructional leadership allotment" shall be the

171 sum of the following rates annually adjusted by the foundation inflation index:

172 (i) \$332.37 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-

173 day kindergarten enrollment; and

174 (ii) \$664.72 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment, the foundation

175 elementary enrollment, the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment, the foundation

176 high school enrollment and the foundation vocational enrollment.

177 "Instructional materials, equipment and technology allotment", the amount allotted within

178 a district's foundation budget for instructional materials, equipment and technology; provided,

179 however, that the fiscal year 2018 instructional materials, equipment and technology allotment,

180 based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted annually by the
181 foundation inflation index:

182 (i) \$ 220.58 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-
183 day kindergarten enrollment;

184 (ii) \$441.15 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment, the foundation
185 elementary enrollment and the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;

186 (iii) \$705.85 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

187 (iv) \$352.92 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment; and

188 (v) \$1,235.22 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

189 "Low-income enrollment", the number of children attending school in a district regardless
190 of residence or tuition-paying status, with a family income at or below 185 per cent of the federal
191 poverty level; provided, however, that a low-income child or low-income student shall mean a
192 child who meets these eligibility standards; and provided further, that in determining the total
193 number of low-income students, the department shall use the preceding year's actual number of
194 low-income elementary, junior high or middle school, high school and vocational students and $\frac{1}{2}$
195 of the preceding year's actual number of low-income kindergarten and preschool students.

196 "Low-income expanded program increment", the amount allotted within a district's
197 foundation budget for each student with a family income at or below 185 per cent of the federal
198 poverty level; provided, however, that the department shall rank each district and divide the
199 districts into septiles; provided further, that each district shall be assigned a low-income septile
200 based on its low income percentage which shall be calculated as its number of low-income

201 students divided by the total foundation enrollment; provided further, that each septile shall be
202 assigned a low-income rate where the rate for the lowest percentage septile shall be \$ 3,816.90
203 and each subsequent septile shall increase by equal amounts up to the highest percentage septile
204 rate of \$8,269.79; and provided further, that the rates for each septile shall be annually adjusted
205 according to the foundation inflation index.

206 "Minimum aid", the positive difference between a district's foundation aid, and the
207 product of \$25 multiplied by the district foundation enrollment.

208 "Maximum local contribution", 82.5 per cent of a municipality's foundation budget.

209 "Municipal foundation budget", a city or town's local district's foundation budget plus the
210 sum of its share of the foundation budgets at regional districts or at agricultural schools of which
211 it is a member; provided, however, that a city or town's share of the foundation budget at
212 regional districts or at agricultural schools shall be based upon its share of the total foundation
213 enrollment from all member municipalities at those districts and schools.

214 "Municipal revenue growth factor", the change in local general revenues calculated by
215 subtracting 1 from the quotient calculated by dividing the sum of: (i) the maximum levy for the
216 fiscal year estimated by multiplying the levy limit of the prior fiscal year by a factor equal to 102
217 ½ per cent plus the average of the percentage increases in the levy limit due to new growth
218 adjustments over the last 3 available years as certified by the department of revenue or as
219 otherwise estimated by the division of local services in the department of revenue where it
220 appears that a municipality may not be entitled to increase its minimum levy limit by 2 ½ per
221 cent; provided, however, that if the highest percentage during such 3 years exceeds the average
222 of the other 2 years' percentages by more than 2 percentage points, then the lowest 3 of the last 4

223 years shall be used for such calculation; (ii) the amount of general revenue sharing aid for the
224 fiscal year; and (iii) other budgeted recurring receipts not including user fees or other charges
225 determined by the division of local services to be associated with the provision of specific
226 municipal services for the prior fiscal year, by the sum of: (1) the actual levy limit for the prior
227 fiscal year; (2) the amount of general revenue sharing aid received for the prior fiscal year; and
228 (3) other recurring receipts not including user fees or other charges determined by the division of
229 local services to be associated with the provision of specific municipal services budgeted by the
230 municipality for the fiscal year preceding the prior fiscal year, if any; provided further, that for
231 the purposes of this calculation, the levy limit shall exclude any amounts generated by overrides
232 applicable to any year after the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993; provided further, that in the
233 absence of an actual levy limit for the prior fiscal year, the actual levy limit for the prior fiscal
234 year shall be estimated by multiplying the actual levy limit of the fiscal year preceding the prior
235 fiscal year by a factor equal to 102 ½ per cent plus the average of the percentage increases in the
236 levy limit due to new growth as specified above; provided, further, in a district classified in the
237 highest concentration of students considered economically disadvantaged as determined by the
238 department under the foundation budget formula, and which did not receive new foundation aid
239 in fiscal years 2014 through 2018, inclusive, and in which actual net school spending exceeded
240 required net school spending in fiscal years 2014 through 2018, inclusive, the district's
241 municipal revenue growth factor shall not exceed 2½ per cent during the course of the
242 implementation schedule provided in Section 5B½ of Chapter 29; provided, further, in any fiscal
243 year following the adoption of a joint resolution affirming the completion of the implementation
244 schedule provided in Section 5B½ of Chapter 29 fulfilling the recommendations, filed on
245 November 2, 2015, of the foundation budget review commission established in section 4 of

246 chapter 70, in a district classified in the highest concentration of students considered
247 economically disadvantaged as determined by the department under the foundation budget
248 formula, and which did not receive new foundation aid in the prior fiscal year, and in which
249 actual net school spending exceeded required net school spending in the prior fiscal year, the
250 district's municipal revenue growth factor shall not exceed the greater of 2.5% or the maximum
251 allowable percentage of taxes assessed in excess of the maximum levy limit prior to any voter
252 approval to assess taxes in excess of that amount under subsection (g) of section 21C of chapter
253 59; and provided further, that in making any of these required calculations, the division of local
254 services may substitute more current information or such other information as would produce a
255 more accurate estimate of the change in a municipality's general local revenues and the
256 department shall use such growth factor to calculate preliminary contribution, required local
257 contribution and any other factors that directly or indirectly use the municipal growth factor.

258 "Net school spending", the total amount spent for the support of public education,
259 including teacher salary deferrals and tuition payments for children residing in the district who
260 attend a school in another district or other approved facility, determined without regard to
261 whether such amounts are regularly charged to school or non-school accounts by the
262 municipality for accounting purposes; provided, however, that net school spending shall not
263 include any spending for long-term debt service, and shall not include spending for school
264 lunches and student transportation; provided further that "net school spending" shall also not
265 include tuition revenue or revenue from activity, admission, other charges or any other revenue
266 attributable to public education; provided further, that such revenue shall be made available to
267 the school district which generated the revenue in addition to any financial resources made
268 available by municipalities or state assistance; provided further, that the department, in

269 consultation with the department of revenue, shall promulgate regulations to ensure a uniform
270 method of determining which municipal expenditures shall be appropriated for the support of
271 public education and which revenues are attributable to public education in accordance with this
272 section; and provided further, that the regulations shall include provisions for resolving disputes
273 which may arise between municipal and school officials.

274 "Operations and maintenance allotment", the amount allotted within a district's
275 foundation budget for operations and maintenance; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2018
276 operations and maintenance allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be
277 the base year, adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

278 (i) \$423.20 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-
279 day kindergarten enrollment;

280 (ii) \$846.38 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment and the
281 foundation elementary enrollment;

282 (iii) \$917.59 multiplied by foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;

283 (iv) \$889.70 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

284 (v) \$2,837.47 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment; and

285 (vi) \$1,665.10 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

286 "Other teaching services allotment", the amount allotted within a district's foundation
287 budget for other teaching services; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2018 other teaching
288 services allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year,
289 adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

290 (i) \$390.86 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-
291 day kindergarten enrollment;

292 (ii) \$781.74 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment and the
293 foundation elementary enrollment;

294 (iii) \$562.73 multiplied by the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;

295 (iv) \$468.48 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment and the foundation
296 vocational enrollment;

297 (v) \$7,826.02 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment; and

298 (vi) \$38.81 multiplied by the assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment.

299 “Preliminary contribution”, the product of: (i) a municipality's required local contribution
300 for the prior fiscal year; and (ii) 1 plus the municipal revenue growth factor for the current year;
301 provided, however, that if a municipality's preliminary local contribution as a percentage of its
302 foundation budget is more than 2.5 percentage points lower than the target local share, the
303 preliminary contribution shall be recalculated using the municipality's revenue growth factor plus
304 1 percentage point; and provided further, that if a municipality's preliminary contribution as a
305 percentage of its foundation budget is more than 7.5 percentage points lower than the target local
306 share, the preliminary contribution shall be recalculated using the municipality's revenue growth
307 factor plus 2 percentage points.

308 “Professional development allotment”, the amount allotted within a district's foundation
309 budget for professional development; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2018 professional

310 development allotment, based on a sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year,
311 adjusted annually by the foundation inflation index:

312 (i) \$60.27 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-day
313 kindergarten enrollment;

314 (ii) \$120.60 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment;

315 (iii) \$120.62 multiplied by the foundation elementary enrollment;

316 (iv) \$130.76 multiplied by the foundation junior high or middle school enrollment;

317 (v) \$126.78 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment;

318 (vi) \$404.34 multiplied by the assumed in-school special education enrollment; and

319 (vii) \$209.61 multiplied by the foundation vocational enrollment.

320 "Property percentage", the uniform percentage of each municipality's total equalized
321 property valuation which yields $\frac{1}{2}$ of the statewide total of combined effort yields in any fiscal
322 year.

323 "Pupil services allotment", the amount allotted within a district's foundation budget for
324 pupil services; provided, however, that the fiscal year 2018 pupil services allotment, based on a
325 sum of the following rate calculations, shall be the base year, adjusted annually by the
326 foundation inflation index:

327 (i) \$44.10 multiplied by the foundation preschool enrollment and the foundation half-day
328 kindergarten enrollment;

- 329 (ii) \$88.24 multiplied by the foundation full-day kindergarten enrollment;
- 330 (iii) \$132.35 multiplied by the foundation elementary enrollment and the foundation
- 331 English learner, full-day enrollment;
- 332 (iv) \$216.18 multiplied by foundation junior high or middle school enrollment; and
- 333 (v) \$498.50 multiplied by the foundation high school enrollment and the foundation
- 334 vocational enrollment.

335 "Required district contribution", a local district's share of the municipality's required local

336 contribution or, in a regional district or agricultural school, the sum of the member

337 municipalities' required local contributions apportioned to that regional district or agricultural

338 school.

339 "Required local contribution", the municipality's preliminary contribution minus the

340 product of its excess effort, if any, multiplied by the effort reduction percentage; provided,

341 however, that the "required local contribution" shall be apportioned to each district to which the

342 municipality belongs, in proportion to the municipality's foundation budget at those districts.

343 "Retired employee", an employee of a school district who retired while employed by that

344 district and who receives health insurance benefits through that district.

345 "Retired employee health insurance rate", the average group insurance commission

346 premium for all retiree plans for the 3 previous fiscal years; provided, however, that the group

347 insurance commission shall annually, not later than June 30, provide the department with data

348 necessary for the determination of such rate or any increase thereof.

349 "Statewide target local share", the sum of all municipalities' target local contribution, as a
350 percentage of the sum of all municipal foundation budgets, which shall be set at 59 per cent.

351 "Target aid share", for a local district, 100 per cent minus the municipality's target local
352 share; provided, however, that for a regional district or agricultural school, the "target aid share"
353 shall be 100 per cent minus each member municipality's target local share, multiplied by each
354 municipality's share of the regional district's enrollment, summed for all members of the district.

355 "Target local contribution", the lesser of a municipality's combined effort yield and its
356 maximum local contribution.

357 "Target local share", a municipality's target local contribution as a percentage of its
358 municipal foundation budget.

359 "Tuitioned-out special education allotment", the product of the tuitioned-out special
360 education rate and the assumed tuitioned-out special education enrollment.

361 "Tuitioned-out special education rate", 3 times the statewide foundation budget per-pupil
362 amount.

363 "Wage adjustment factor", an adjusted difference between the average annual wage for
364 all jobs in the labor market area in which a municipality is located and the average annual wage
365 in the commonwealth; provided, however, that average annual wage figures shall be published
366 annually by the division of employment and training; provided further, that the wage adjustment
367 factor shall be the sum of 1 plus a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the product of $\frac{1}{3}$
368 and the difference resulting from subtracting the average annual wage in the commonwealth
369 from the average annual wage of the municipality, and the denominator of which shall be the

370 average annual wage in the commonwealth; and provided further, that the average annual wage
371 of the municipality shall be the sum of:

372 (i) .8 multiplied by the average annual wage for all jobs in the labor market area in which
373 the municipality is located; and

374 (ii) .2 multiplied by the average annual wage of the municipality; provided, however, the
375 wage adjustment factor in any community shall not be less than 1.

376 SECTION XX. The third paragraph of section 3 of said chapter 70, as so appearing, is
377 hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2
378 sentences:- The factors to be inflated by the foundation inflation index shall be the monetary
379 values for the administration allotment, the instructional leadership allotment, the classroom and
380 specialist teachers allotment, the other teaching services allotment, the professional development
381 allotment, the instructional materials, equipment and technology allotment, the guidance and
382 psychological allotment, the pupil services allotment, the operations and maintenance allotment,
383 the English language learner expanded program increment and the low-income student expanded
384 program increment. The rates established in section 2 shall serve as the basis, subject to the
385 foundation inflation index beginning in fiscal year 2019, for the implementation schedule
386 established annually under section 5B1/2 of chapter 29.

387 SECTION XX. Said chapter 70 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 4 the
388 following section:-

389 Section 4A. (a) The department, in consultation with the executive office of education,
390 shall a convene data advisory committee to promote the improved use of school-level data to
391 inform effective resource allocation decisions at the local level. The data advisory committee

392 shall include, but not be limited to, a representative from the following organizations: the
393 Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association of School
394 Superintendents, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, Inc.; the
395 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc.; and the Massachusetts
396 Association of Regional Schools, Inc. The data advisory committee shall assist the department to
397 identify, advise and analyze cost-effective ways to achieve the following goals including, but not
398 limited to:

399 (i) streamlining financial reporting, eliminating duplicate reporting requirements and
400 improving data quality;

401 (ii) strengthening the department's capacity to analyze and report staffing, scheduling and
402 financial data in ways that support strategic resource allocation decisions at the district and
403 school level;

404 (iii) strengthening district capacity to use data to make strategic resource allocation
405 decisions; and

406 (iv) establishing a data collection and reporting system that:

407 (1) tracks funding allocated for English language learner and low-income students to
408 ensure that spending is targeted to the intended populations and to provide a data source for the
409 foundation budget review commission about the accuracy and adequacy of the low-income and
410 English language learner increments; and

411 (2) allows for access to school-level expenditures and data across all districts to inform
412 the public and policy-makers about effective school-level interventions and investments.

413 (b) The data advisory committee shall report its progress to the board, the senate and
414 house chairs of the joint committee on education and the chairs of the senate and house
415 committees on ways and means not less than semiannually, by December 1 and June 1, and shall
416 make recommendations as necessary for the department to achieve the goals of this section. The
417 department may, in consultation with the data advisory group, develop or procure the data
418 collection and reporting system under clause (iv) of subsection (a).

419 SECTION XX. Section 5 of said chapter 70 is hereby repealed.

420 SECTION XX. Section 6 of said chapter 70, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
421 hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word "minimum".

422 SECTION XX. Said section 6 of said chapter 70, as so appearing, is hereby further
423 amended by striking out, in line 8, the words "but not including equity aid,".

424 SECTION XX. Section 7 of said chapter 70 is hereby repealed.

425 SECTION XX. Section 9 of said chapter 70 is hereby repealed.

426 SECTION XX. Said chapter 70 is hereby further amended by striking out section 10, as
427 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

428 Section 10. Subject to appropriation, the amount of state aid to be paid to each
429 municipality in each fiscal year under this chapter shall be the sum of the base aid, the
430 foundation aid increment, and the minimum aid increment, if any, to which the municipality may
431 be entitled under this chapter.