## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 3890**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 Supporting Municipal Fiscal Stability through a Special Education Stabilization Fund.

## PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jason M. Lewis	31st Middlesex	11/28/2011
David M. Torrisi	14th Essex	12/9/2011
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	12/9/2011
Patricia D. Jehlen		12/9/2011
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	12/9/2011
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth	12/9/2011
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex	12/9/2011
William N. Brownsberger		12/9/2011
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex	12/9/2011
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	12/9/2011
Benjamin B. Downing	Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden	12/9/2011
Bruce E. Tarr		12/9/2011
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex	12/9/2011
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	12/9/2011
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	12/9/2011
Michael O. Moore		12/9/2011
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk	12/9/2011

1st Worcester	12/9/2011
	12/9/2011
7th Plymouth	12/9/2011
11th Hampden	12/9/2011
1st Barnstable	12/9/2011
	7th Plymouth 11th Hampden

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By Mr. Lewis of Winchester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jason M. Lewis and others for legislation to authorize municipalities to create stabilization funds for special education costs. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act Supporting Municipal Fiscal Stability through a Special Education Stabilization Fund.

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

- Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws (2008 Official Edition) shall be amended
- 2 by adding the following paragraph:

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- 3 Upon the recommendation of the school committee and the acceptance by majority vote
- 4 of the appropriate legislative body, the school department of any school district shall be
- 5 authorized to retain any unexpended funds of the present fiscal year so voted, to be placed in a
- 6 separate stabilization fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal year or years, to pay, without
- 7 further appropriation, for unanticipated and/or unbudgeted costs of special education out of
- 8 school district tuition and/or transportation. The balance in such separate stabilization fund shall
- 9 not exceed 2% of the annual net school spending of the school district.