

HOUSE No. 434

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 resolve:

Resolve relative to improving the calculation of foundation budgets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald Humason</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 434) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the calculation of foundation budgets. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1931 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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Resolve relative to improving the calculation of foundation budgets.

1 **Resolved**, SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there
2 shall be a special commission to study and report on ways to improve the calculation of
3 foundation budgets to more adequately reflect the differences between educating a student in an
4 urban community and a suburban or rural community, including the possibility of establishing
5 alternate funding formulas to represent regional differences. The commission shall consist of the
6 following members: the commissioner of education; 3 members of the house of representatives,
7 2 of whom shall to be appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 of whom shall be appointed
8 by the minority leader of the house; 3 members of the secretary of administration and finance or
9 his designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or his designee; a
10 representative of the Massachusetts municipal association; and a member appointed by the
11 governor. The scope of the commission shall include, but shall not be limited to: researching the
12 adequacy of the current chapter 70 education formula; investigating the financial impact of
13 altering the calculation of the foundation budget on cities and towns and the state budgeting
14 process; analyzing the various factors that contribute to calculating the foundation budgets based
15 upon the unique aspects of the different regions and demographics of the Commonwealth; and
16 the possibility of implementing different foundation budget calculations for different regions of
17 the Commonwealth. The commission shall submit its report to the board of education, the joint
18 committee on education, and the senate and house clerks no later than 6 month after the passage
19 of this act.