

HOUSE No. 460

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 relative to special education finance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Norfolk

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 460) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to special education finance. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4249 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to special education finance.

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. Section 8 of chapter 70B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 24, the word “and”.

3 SECTION 2. Said section 8 of said chapter 70B, as so appearing, is hereby further
4 amended by striking out paragraph (8) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

5 (8) priority shall be given to projects needed in the judgment of said authority to
6 transition from court-ordered and authority approved racial balance school districts to walk-to,
7 so-called, or other school districts; and

8 (9) priority shall be given to projects needed in the judgment of said authority to create
9 space for in-district special education programs and services.

10 SECTION 3. Subclause (C) of subsection (a) of section 10 of said chapter 70B, as so
11 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- “The authority shall award
12 incentive points for projects that include spaces for in-district special education programs and
13 services, including special education programs and services provided by education collaboratives
14 pursuant to section 4E of chapter 40 for public school districts within public school buildings.”