

**SENATE . . . . . No. 273**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Eileen M. Donoghue*

*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 improving state reimbursements for charter schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 273) of Eileen M. Donoghue, Stephen L. DiNatale and Danielle W. Gregoire for legislation relative to improving state reimbursements for charter schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act improving state reimbursements for charter schools.

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

1 Paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of section 89 of chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first subparagraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 subparagraph:-

4 In any fiscal year, no public school district’s total charter school tuition payment to  
5 commonwealth charter schools shall exceed 9 per cent of the district’s net school spending;  
6 provided, however, that a public school district’s total charter tuition payment to commonwealth  
7 charter schools shall not exceed 18 per cent of the district’s net school spending if the school  
8 district qualifies under paragraph (3); provided further, that the commonwealth shall incur  
9 charter school tuition payments that exceed 9 per cent of a district’s net school spending if the  
10 school district qualifies under said paragraph (3). The commonwealth shall incur charter school  
11 tuition payments for siblings attending commonwealth charter schools to the extent that their  
12 attendance would otherwise cause the school district’s charter school tuition payments to exceed

13 9 per cent of the school district's net school spending. The amount required to be paid by the  
14 commonwealth under this paragraph in any year shall not be reduced by a percentage greater  
15 than the percent reduction in chapter 70 funding.