

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2759**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to the taxation of real property..

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

1                    Clause Third of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2                    2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

3                    (f) In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this paragraph, real estate owned  
4                    by or held in trust for private schools of higher learning shall make a payment to each  
5                    municipality in which the real estate owned by or held in trust by said private schools of higher  
6                    learning is sited. The payment shall be in the amount equal to the sum of the property taxes  
7                    which would otherwise have been payable by private schools of higher learning to  
8                    municipalities. Nothing in this section shall preclude the municipality from entering into a host  
9                    community agreement that provides for benefits to the municipality either monetary or non-  
10                    monetary.