

HOUSE No. 4634

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Ten

An Act relative to mobile student populations..

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 1I of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the word “district”, in line 163, the following
3 clause:-

4 (j) the number of mobile students, defined as any student who enrolled in the district for
5 less than one academic year, and also, when attainable, the reason for student transfer in to the
6 district.

7 SECTION 2. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary
8 education shall develop a pilot grant program for school districts with schools with high mobile
9 student enrollment for the purpose of developing and implementing programs to ensure the
10 successful transition and academic success of mobile students. For the purpose of this section,
11 mobile student shall be defined as any student who has been enrolled in a public school district
12 for less than one academic year and mobile student enrollment shall be the average of the 3
13 previous fiscal years of the number of mobile students enrolled. Grants shall be awarded to
14 school districts for programs designed to (a) provide welcome and transition assistance programs

15 for mobile students; (b) provide tutoring in core content and, as needed, English for Speakers of
16 Other Languages; (c) assess the impact of mobile students on non-mobile student academic
17 success; (d) provide guidance and support services targeted to mobile students; or (e) other
18 programs determined by the department of elementary and secondary education to meet the
19 needs of mobile students and school districts with high mobility populations. The department of
20 elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the
21 provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall issue a report
23 on the impact of the rate of student mobility on growth in student academic achievement for all
24 underperforming schools and chronically underperforming school districts, if any; provided, that
25 student mobility rate shall refer to the percentage of students enrolled in a public school district
26 for less than one academic year; and provided, further, that said report shall be provided to the
27 clerks of the senate and house of representatives who shall forward the same to the chair of the
28 senate ways and means committee, the chair of the house ways and means committee, and the
29 house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education on or before December 1, 2011.