

HOUSE No. 475

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO REINBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL BUSING COSTS..

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. A special commission is hereby established to investigate and study the
2 reimbursement of costs to cities and towns by the state for mandatory busing. The investigation
3 and study shall include, but not be limited to, examining the costs of busing in each municipality,
4 the dates these costs are submitted to the state for reimbursement, the actual reimbursement
5 amounts received by the municipality from the state and the timeliness of those amounts
6 following submission. The commission shall be appointed by the governor and shall consist of
7 9 members as follows: the house and senate chairmen of the joint committee on education, arts
8 and humanities who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission, the house and senate chairmen of
9 the committees on ways and means, or their designees, the speaker of the house of
10 representatives or his designee, the president of the senate, or his designee, the commissioner of
11 education, or his designee, the state auditor, or his designee, and a representative of the
12 Massachusetts Municipal Association. The commission shall report to the general court the
13 results of its study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations

- 14 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before
- 15 December 31, 2009