

**SENATE . . . . . No. 293**

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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 special education budgets..

*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. Recognizing that school districts and municipalities are unable to  
2 adequately plan an education budget because of the volatility of special education costs, and in  
3 an effort to help school districts and municipalities with their growing concern regarding  
4 extraordinary and unanticipated special education cost, the Commonwealth will devise an  
5 insurance policy for municipalities in school districts which will allow them to be reimbursed for  
6 special education costs that exceed 25% of the dollar amount obtained by the formula below:

7           The average special education expenditures for the commonwealth over the last three  
8 years, divided by the average number of public school students in the commonwealth over the  
9 last three years, multiplied by the number of students in a particular school district or  
10 municipality.