

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 161**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 to establish a school choice circuit breaker.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Stephen L. DiNatale*

*3rd Worcester*

*Bruce E. Tarr*

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 161) of Stephen L. DiNatale and Bruce E. Tarr relative to establishing a school district reimbursement plan for the Commonwealth. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 497 OF 2009-2010.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to establish a school choice circuit breaker.

*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 12B of Chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2003 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (o) the following subsection:–

3           (p) Any sending district which experiences a net loss of more than 5% of its student  
4 population in a given grade or a net loss of more than 10% of its total student population from  
5 the prior year due to school choice, shall also be eligible to apply for a school choice  
6 reimbursement from the commonwealth as provided in subsection (n) . The reimbursement  
7 amount shall be equal to 50 percent of the school choice tuition amount for each student  
8 enrolling in a receiving district in excess of 5% of the total population in a given grade during the  
9 prior year for the sending district or in excess of 10% of the total population during the prior year  
10 in the sending district.