

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1916**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*John V. Fernandes*

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 relative to school transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1916) of John V. Fernandes and others that the Department of Education be required to reimburse school districts for the cost of transporting "out-of-district" special education students. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 388 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to school transportation.

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

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 7C the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 7D. The cost of transportation of a special education student to an out of district  
4 public or private institution shall be reimbursed by the department of education; provided,  
5 however, that the school system seeking reimbursement is a member of a transportation  
6 collaborative; and provided, further, that the private transporter of the child accepts rates of  
7 payment for such transportation as determined by said department of education.