

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2714**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carolyn C. Dykema*

*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>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2011</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>		<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2714) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to fees paid for school transportation. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3658 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 Section 68 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby 1 amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following sentence:—

4 A school committee may assess fees to transported students up to an amount sufficient to  
5 cover the costs incurred by the district; provided, however, that a transported student whose  
6 transportation is required under any other general or special law or who is eligible for free or  
7 reduced lunch under the federal school lunch program shall not be required to pay the fee; and  
8 provided further, that a school committee may exempt families at other income levels as it may  
9 determine or offer discounts for families who pay transportation fees for multiple students; and  
10 provided further, that fees may not be assessed based on distance from the schoolhouse.