

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1820

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 reforming additional assistance to municipalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1820) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to assure fair and adequate municipal gap funding for municipalities . Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3102 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act reforming additional assistance to municipalities.

*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. The general laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 40S the  
2 following chapter:-

3           Chapter 40T: Additional Assistance to Municipalities

4           Section 1. The following words, as used in this chapter, unless the text otherwise requires  
5 or a different meaning is specifically required, shall mean—

6           “Additional Assistance”, the amount appropriated to a municipality of acts making  
7 general appropriations for each fiscal year and designated therein as “unrestricted general  
8 government aid,” less the distribution to said municipality pursuant to clause (c) of the second  
9 paragraph of section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws.

10          “Municipal Cost”, the sum of 28.0 times the municipality’s population density, plus 19.8  
11 times the municipality’s poverty rate, plus 81.0 times the municipality’s unemployment rate, plus  
12 272 times the jobs per capita rate of the municipality, plus 570.2.

14 “Municipal Gap”, the difference between municipal costs and municipal revenue raising  
15 capacity.

16 “Municipal Revenue Capacity”, the sum of 0.0142 times the per capita taxable residential  
17 property value raised to the two-thirds power, multiplied by the per capita income of the  
18 municipality’s residents raised to the one-thirds power, plus 0.0126 multiplied by the per capita  
19 taxable nonresidential property value of the municipality.

20 “Secretary”, the secretary of administration and finance.

21 Section 2. The secretary shall calculate the municipal gap for each municipality and shall  
22 make available to the house and senate committees on ways and means, in an electronically  
23 compatible format the underlying data and calculations necessary to generate the municipal gap  
24 and each component of state aid authorized for distribution to municipalities pursuant to this  
25 chapter.

26 Section 3. Any additional assistance appropriated beyond that contained in Chapter 131  
27 of the acts of 2010 shall be appropriated solely to those municipalities with a municipal gap great  
28 than zero and in proportion to each municipalities’ municipal gap as determined pursuant to  
29 section 3.