

HOUSE No. 3219

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo

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 increase transparency and account for budget expenditures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2013</i>

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By Messrs. Lyons of Andover and Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3219) of James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to require the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to prepare a report relative to expenditures in the state budget. Ways and Means.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to increase transparency and account for budget expenditures.

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. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section
2 61, the following section:-

3 Section 62. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive
4 office of administration and finance shall prepare a report on the following: 1) the total amount
5 of the state budget that is being used to fund individual, family, and other benefits or
6 expenditures on behalf of citizens of the United States who are residents of the Commonwealth
7 of Massachusetts; 2) the total amount of the state budget that is being used to fund individual,
8 family, and other benefits or expenditures on behalf of persons holding Green Cards who are
9 residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 3) the total amount of the state budget that is
10 being used to fund individual, family, and other benefits or expenditures on behalf of citizens of
11 the United States whose residence in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts cannot be established;
12 and 4) the total amount of the state budget that is being used to fund individual, family, and other
13 benefits and expenditures on behalf of all other persons.

14 (b) Said report shall also itemize expenditures used to provide services to residents of the
15 Commonwealth, non-residents, and those whose residence cannot be identified with respect to:
16 legal services, including but not limited to criminal defense costs; translations and translator
17 services; the detention of prisoners; and the Health Safety Net program, including cost to
18 government, cost shifting to other payers or insurers, and the cost to hospitals, clinics, and other
19 health-care providers.

20 (c) In calculating the amounts described in subsections (a) and (b), the executive office of
21 administration and finance shall utilize generally accepted accounting principles encompassing
22 all state spending.

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24 (d) Said report shall be filed with to the chair and ranking minority member of the house
25 committee on ways and means, the chair and ranking minority member of the senate committee
26 on ways and means, and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate no later than April
27 1, 2014.”