

HOUSE No. 355

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas J. Calter

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 special education budgets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2013</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>

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By Mr. Calter of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of Thomas J. Calter and others relative to establishing an insurance program for municipalities in relation to special education costs. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 256 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to special education budgets.

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. Recognizing that school districts and municipalities are unable to
2 adequately plan an education budget because of the volatility of special education costs, and in
3 an effort to help school districts and municipalities with their growing concern regarding
4 extraordinary and unanticipated special education cost, the Commonwealth will devise an
5 insurance policy for municipalities in school districts which will allow them to be reimbursed for
6 special education costs that exceed 25% of the dollar amount obtained by the formula below:

7 The average special education expenditures for the commonwealth over the last three
8 years, divided by the average number of public school students in the commonwealth over the
9 last three years, multiplied by the number of students in a particular school district or
10 municipality.