

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3574**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Stephen Kulik and Benjamin B. Downing***

*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 the withdrawal of the town of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>7/8/2013</i>
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>7/8/2013</i>

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By Representative Kulik of Worthington and Senator Downing, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen Kulik and Benjamin B. Downing (by vote of the town) that the town of Worthington be authorized to withdraw from the Gateway Regional School District. Education. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the withdrawal of the town of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District.

*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. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 71 of the general laws or any  
2 other general or special law, rule, regulation or agreement to the contrary, the town of  
3 Worthington may unilaterally withdraw as a member of the Gateway Regional School District,  
4 hereinafter referred to as the district.

5           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon  
6 withdrawal pursuant to section 1, the town of Worthington shall:

7           (1) pay to the district operating and capital costs in accordance with the provisions of  
8 section IX of the Gateway Regional School District Regional Agreement, hereinafter referred to  
9 as the agreement; and

10          (2) be obligated to pay any repayment amounts due to the Massachusetts School Building  
11 Authority (MSBA) in accordance with the provisions of section IX(E) of the agreement, unless  
12 or until such amounts have been repaid for all of the buildings or the MSBA no longer requires  
13 repayment for the building or buildings.

14          SECTION 3. This act shall take effect June 30, 2014.