

HOUSE No. 358**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson

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 regional bonus aid.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>1/14/2015</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Stephen Kulik</i> | <i>1st Franklin</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i> | <i>2nd Worcester</i> | <i>8/22/2019</i> |

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 358) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others for legislation to provide bonus aid to newly formed regional school districts. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to regional bonus aid.

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. Section 16D(g) of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in
3 place thereof the following new section:

4 (g) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, regional bonus aid, but no other aid
5 pursuant to this section, shall be paid to any regional school district formed after fiscal year
6 nineteen hundred and ninety-three for the immediate five fiscal years following the establishment
7 of said regional school district. Regional bonus aid shall be payable in an amount equal to one
8 hundred dollars per foundation enrollment, in the first fiscal year following the establishment of
9 said regional school district; eighty dollars per foundation enrollment in the second fiscal year
10 following the establishment of said regional school district; sixty dollars per foundation
11 enrollment in the third fiscal year following the establishment of said regional school district;
12 forty dollars per foundation enrollment in the fourth fiscal year following the establishment of

- 13 said regional school district; and, twenty dollars per foundation enrollment in the fifth fiscal year
- 14 following the establishment of said regional school district.