

SENATE No. 274

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 charter school tuition payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 274) of Eileen M. Donoghue, Stephen L. DiNatale and Danielle W. Gregoire for legislation relative to charter school tuition payments. Education.

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

An Act relative to charter school tuition payments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of section 89 of chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following subparagraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no public school district’s
4 total charter school tuition payment to commonwealth charter schools shall exceed 9 percent of
5 the district’s net school spending unless the district receives local approval; provided, however,
6 that this sentence shall not apply to charter schools that were approved by the board prior to
7 January 1, 2015. For the purposes of this subparagraph “ local approval” shall mean: the
8 approval of the school committee for each school district from which the charter school is
9 expected to enroll students; the approval of the voters at a town meeting of each town from
10 which the charter school is expected to enroll students, or in a city by the approval of the city
11 council, by whatever title it may be known, and the mayor; or the approval of the voters at a

- 12 general biennial state election by municipalities from which the charter school is expected to
- 13 enroll students.