

SENATE No. 292

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 enrollment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Patricia D. Jehlen

Second Middlesex

Kay Khan

11th Middlesex

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 292) of Patricia D. Jehlen and Kay Khan for legislation relative to charter school enrollment. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 240 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to charter school enrollment.

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 71, Section 89 of the General Laws as so appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (o) and inserting in place thereof the
3 following subsection:

4 The Department of Education shall annually, no later than April 1, notify each public
5 school district in writing of the number of students who will be attending the charter school from
6 the district the following September as well as the number of new students who will be
7 transferring from that district to the charter school in the following September. Charter school
8 tuition payments from the district shall be based on the previous year’s enrollment in a manner
9 identical to the calculation of a district’s chapter 70 aid.

10 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 71, Section 89, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
11 striking out subsection (oo) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

12 Beginning in fiscal year following the effective date of this act, any charter school whose
13 total charter school enrollment is greater than its total charter school enrollment for the previous
14 year shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth in accordance with this paragraph and subject to
15 appropriation; provided, however, that the reimbursement amount shall be equal to 100 per cent
16 of the increase in the year in which the increase occurs; 60 per cent of that amount in the first
17 year following; and 40 per cent of that amount in the second year following.