

HOUSE No. 2042

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 Foundation Budget Review Commission permanence.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i> | <i>1st Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i> | <i>3rd Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2042) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to permanently establish the Foundation Budget Review Commission. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to Foundation Budget Review Commission permanence.

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 4 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking section 4 in its entirety, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

4 "Section 4. There shall be a foundation budget review commission to review, every 5
5 years, the way foundation budgets are calculated and to make recommendations for potential
6 changes in those calculations as the commission deems appropriate. In conducting such review,
7 the commission shall seek to determine the educational programs and services necessary to
8 achieve the commonwealth's educational goals and to prepare students to achieve passing scores
9 on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System examinations or other designated
10 statewide assessments. The review shall include, but not be limited to, those components of the
11 foundation budget created pursuant to section 3 of chapter 70 and subsequent changes made to
12 the foundation budget by law. In addition, the commission shall seek to determine and

13 recommend measures to promote the adoption of ways in which resources can be most
14 effectively utilized and consider various models of efficient and effective resource allocation. In
15 carrying out the review, the commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall provide
16 to the commission any data and information the commissioner considers relevant to the
17 commission's charge. The commission shall include the house and senate chairs of the joint
18 committee on education, who shall serve as co-chairs, the secretary of education, the
19 commissioner of elementary and secondary education, the commissioner of early education and
20 care, the speaker of the house of representatives or a designee, the president of the senate or a
21 designee, the minority leader of the house of representatives or a designee, the minority leader of
22 the senate or a designee, the governor or a designee, the chair of the house committee on ways
23 and means or a designee, the chair of the senate committee on ways and means or a designee and
24 1 member to be appointed by each of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Municipal
25 Association, Inc., the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc., the Massachusetts
26 Association of School Committees, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of School
27 Superintendents, Inc., the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the American Federation of
28 Teachers Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc., the
29 Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, Inc. and the Massachusetts Association of
30 School Business Officials. Members shall not receive compensation for their services but may
31 receive reimbursement for the reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities
32 as members of the commission. The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall
33 furnish reasonable staff and other support for the work of the commission. Prior to issuing its
34 recommendations, the commission shall conduct not fewer than 4 public hearings across regions
35 of the commonwealth. The commission shall be considered a special commission established

36 by section 2A of chapter 4 and shall be subject to the provisions of said section 2A of chapter 4.
37 It shall not constitute a violation of chapter 268A for state employee or a person employed by a
38 school district to serve on the commission or to participate in commission deliberations that may
39 have a financial impact on the district employing that person, on the commonwealth, or on the
40 rate at which that person may be compensated. The commission may establish procedures to
41 ensure that no such person participates in commission deliberations that may directly affect the
42 school districts employing those persons or that may directly affect the rate at which those
43 persons are compensated. The first report pursuant to section 9 of this act shall be made on or
44 before November 1, 2018.