

HOUSE No. 244

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Dwyer

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 school transportation for homeless children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	

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By Mr. Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 244) of James J. Dwyer and Timothy R. Whelan relative to school transportation for homeless children. Education.

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

An Act relative to school transportation for homeless children.

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 16C 1/2. The school district shall provide transportation for children and youth
2 experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and,
3 the commonwealth shall reimburse such district the cost to provide said transportation minus the
4 amount of any Federal allocation to districts to defray the excess cost of providing transportation
5 to students experiencing homelessness. The state treasurer shall annually, on or before November
6 twentieth, pay to school districts, subject to appropriation, the sums required for such
7 reimbursement and approved by the commissioner of education.

8 School districts may establish a Homeless Children and Youth School Transportation
9 Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this section may
10 be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year. Reimbursements made by the
11 commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into the fund to immediately reimburse
12 the school department for said costs; provided that any unexpended funds shall be allowed to be
13 carried forward for one fiscal year.