

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2837**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Donald R. Berthiaume, 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 out-of-district vocational school transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2837) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant relative to out-of-district vocational school transportation. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 312 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to out-of-district vocational school transportation.

*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 8A of chapter 74 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place  
3   thereof the following:-

4           Section 8A. A town where a person resides who is admitted to a day school in another  
5   town under section 7, may, through its school committee, when necessary, provide for the  
6   transportation of such person and may provide the transportation for a fee, regardless of where  
7   the pupil lives, but a student eligible for a free or reduced lunch under the federal school lunch  
8   program, shall not be required to pay a fee; provided, that a school committee may choose to  
9   exempt families at other income levels as it may determine; provided further, the no  
10   transportation shall be provided for any pupil who resides less than 1 ½ miles from the school

11 which he attends. A municipality shall not be required under the provisions of this section to  
12 provide for the transportation of a person who has completed the twelfth grade of school or the  
13 equivalent thereto.