

HOUSE No. 2859

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen Kulik

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 the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Hawlemont Regional School District.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2859) of Stephen Kulik, Adam G. Hinds and Paul W. Mark for legislation to authorize the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to continue to operate as a pre-kindergarten through grade twelve school district. Education.

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

An Act relative to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Hawlemont Regional School District.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to confirm certain operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and of the Hawlemont Regional School District, therefore it is hereby declared to be a public emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience., therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 371 of the acts of 1993 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines
2 5 and 6, the words “the regional school agreement voted upon prior to July first, nineteen
3 hundred and ninety-three by said towns except where this legislation expressly grants
4 exemptions” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- its regional school district
5 agreement.

6 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding chapter 371 of the acts of 1993 or any other general or
7 special law to the contrary, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District shall continue to operate

8 as a pre-kindergarten through grade twelve school district under the regional agreement approved
9 by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education on August 27, 2015 provided that
10 the district may amend its agreement, in the manner set forth therein, consistent with chapter 71
11 of the General Laws.

12 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding chapter 371 of the acts of 1993 or any other general or
13 special law to the contrary, the Hawlemont Regional School District shall continue to operate as
14 a pre-kindergarten through grade six school district under the latest regional agreement last
15 approved by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education provided that the district
16 may amend its agreement, in the manner set forth therein, consistent with chapter 71 of the
17 General Laws.

18 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding section 16B of chapter 71 of the General Laws or any
19 other general or special law to the contrary, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District shall
20 continue to vote on and approve its annual budget using the so-called unit method, described as
21 follows: (i) at least 2/3 of the total number of units shall be required to approve the annual
22 budget; and (ii) a vote of the town meeting for each member town where resident students are
23 entitled to attend school administered by the district for grade levels pre-kindergarten through
24 twelfth shall be counted as 2 units, while a vote of the town meeting for each other member town
25 shall be counted as 1 unit.