HOUSE No. 296

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 certain teacher fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	1/18/2017
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 296) of Paul McMurtry and Richard J. Ross relative to reimbursement for application and tuition fees for certain teachers. Education.

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

An Act relative to certain teacher fees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph, the following
- 3 paragraphs:-
- 4 Consistent with the purpose of this section and the department's stated goal of attracting
- 5 and retaining highly qualified teachers, the department shall establish a performance review
- 6 program for the initial licensure of teacher candidates who hold a preliminary license, are hired
- 7 as teachers of record and are working in a district that does not have an approved program for the
- 8 initial license. The department shall determine which teacher and specialist teacher licenses may
- 9 be eligible for attainment through the performance review program pursuant to its regulatory
- authority under sections 1B, 1J and 1K of chapter 69.
- Teacher candidates seeking appropriate licensure through the performance review
- program shall be required to meet the following criteria:

- 13 (a) possession of a preliminary license in the field and at the level of the license 14 sought;
- 15 (b) at least three full years of employment in the role of the preliminary license;
- 16 (c) documentation of seminars, courses and experience relevant to the professional 17 standards for teachers set by the department pursuant to its regulatory authority;
- 18 (d) a recommendation from the principal of each school where the candidate was 19 employed under the preliminary license or in the role of the license sought;

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- (e) a competency review for those license fields that have no subject matter knowledge test, or for which not all the subject matter knowledge required for the license is measured by the test; and
- 23 (f) for core academic teachers, possession of a sheltered English immersion teacher 24 endorsement.
 - Fees associated with the performance review program, including application and tuition fees, shall be eligible for full reimbursement by the district in which the candidate works pursuant to section 38I of chapter 71 or otherwise waived by the department.