

SENATE No. 1147

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives

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 creating a commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1147) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Leonard Mirra and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to create a commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act creating a commission to study the effects of unfunded mandates on municipalities.

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

1 SECTION1. Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 24 the following new section:-

3 Section 25. There shall be a commission on unfunded mandates on
4 municipalities, hereinafter referred to as the commission. The commission shall consist of 7
5 members: three of whom shall be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a municipal
6 official, who shall serve as co-chair; the director of the division of local mandates, hereinafter
7 referred to as director, who shall also serve as co-chair; one member nominated by the
8 Massachusetts Municipal Association; one member nominated by the Massachusetts Treasurer’s
9 and Collector’s Association; and one member nominated by the Massachusetts Town Clerk’s
10 Association.

11 Said members shall serve a term of two year from the date of appointment,
12 unless sooner removed by the governor upon the recommendation of the nominating

13 organization after consultation with said director. When a vacancy occurs, a new member
14 representing the same office shall be appointed to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

15 Members of the commission shall serve without compensation. The
16 commission shall compile a list of unfunded mandates and their costs to municipal government,
17 and shall file this list with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives together with
18 proposals, if any, to mitigate the effects of such mandates.

19 The commission shall have the following responsibilities:

20 1. to review and analyze all unfunded local mandates from state and federal
21 authorities, and to deliver an economic impact report of such effects on municipalities to the
22 governor, and to the minority and majority leadership of the House and Senate;

23 2. to act as an independent advocate for the interests of local governments in
24 their relations with state and federal governments;

25 3. to promulgate rules and regulations governing its procedures and those of the
26 executive committee; and

27 4. to perform such other like services as the commission shall decide upon.