

SENATE No. 220

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sonia Chang-Diaz

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 Municipal Revenue Growth Factor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 220) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Solomon Goldstein-Rose, Jose F. Tosado, Robert M. Koczera and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor and school aid. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor.

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 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “prior fiscal year;” in line 477
3 the following:-

4 provided, further, in a district classified in the highest concentration of students
5 considered economically disadvantaged as determined by the department under the foundation
6 budget formula, and which did not receive new foundation aid in fiscal years 2013 through 2017,
7 inclusive, and in which actual net school spending exceeded required net school spending in
8 fiscal years 2013 through 2017, inclusive, the district’s municipal revenue growth factor shall not
9 exceed 2.5%;

10 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 70, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out,
11 after the words “prior fiscal year” in line 477, the words “provided, further, in a district classified

12 in the highest concentration of students considered economically disadvantaged as determined by
13 the department under the foundation budget formula, and which did not receive new foundation
14 aid in fiscal years 2013 through 2017, inclusive, and in which actual net school spending
15 exceeded required net school spending in fiscal years 2013 through 2017, inclusive, the district's
16 municipal revenue growth factor shall not exceed 2.5%," and inserting in place thereof the
17 following words:-

18 provided, further, in a district classified in the highest concentration of students
19 considered economically disadvantaged as determined by the department under the foundation
20 budget formula, and which did not receive new foundation aid in the prior fiscal year, and in
21 which actual net school spending exceeded required net school spending in the prior fiscal year,
22 the district's municipal revenue growth factor shall not exceed the greater of 2.5% or the
23 maximum allowable percentage of taxes assessed in excess of the maximum levy limit prior to
24 any voter approval to assess taxes in excess of that amount under subsection (g) of section 21C
25 of chapter 59;

26 SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

27 SECTION 4. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon the adoption by the general court
28 of a joint resolution affirming the completion of the implementation schedule fulfilling the
29 recommendations filed on November 2, 2015, by the foundation budget review commission
30 established in section 4 of chapter 70.