

**SENATE . . . . . No. 245**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth J. Donnelly***

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*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 homeless children school transportation.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Kenneth J. Donnelly*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fourth Middlesex*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 245**

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 245) of Kenneth J. Donnelly for legislation relative to reimbursement for transportation costs for homeless students. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to homeless children 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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 16C the following section:-

3           Section 16C 1/2. The school district shall provide transportation for children and youth  
4 experiencing homelessness, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and  
5 the commonwealth shall reimburse such district the cost to provide said transportation minus the  
6 amount of any federal allocation to districts to defray the excess cost of providing transportation  
7 to students experiencing homelessness. The state treasurer shall annually, on or before November  
8 20, pay to school districts, subject to appropriation, the sums required for such reimbursement  
9 and approved by the commissioner of education.

10           School districts may establish a Homeless Children and Youth School Transportation  
11 Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this section may  
12 be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year. Reimbursements made by the

13 commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into the fund to immediately reimburse  
14 the school department for said costs; provided that, any unexpended funds shall be allowed to be  
15 carried forward for 1 fiscal year.