

**SENATE . . . . . No. 262**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 regional bonus aid.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                            | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                                  |                  |
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| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>              | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> |                  |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>    | <i>12th Hampden</i>                                | <i>1/24/2017</i> |
| <i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>        | <i>13th Middlesex</i>                              | <i>1/24/2017</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i>           | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>              | <i>1/24/2017</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>         | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>                     | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i>             | <i>2nd Essex</i>                                   | <i>2/1/2017</i>  |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>             | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>                   | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i>                               | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i>             | <i>1st Hampden</i>                                 | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Eric P. Lesser</i>            | <i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>                 | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>          | <i>Second Worcester</i>                            | <i>2/8/2017</i>  |

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 262) of Anne M. Gobi, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Carmine L. Gentile, Richard J. Ross and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide bonus aid to newly formed regional school districts. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 289 OF 2015-2016.]

**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 regional bonus aid.

*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 16D(g) of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2   2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in  
3   place thereof the following new section:

4           (g) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, regional bonus aid, but no other aid  
5   pursuant to this section, shall be paid to any regional school district formed after fiscal year  
6   nineteen hundred and ninety-three for the immediate five fiscal years following the establishment  
7   of said regional school district. Regional bonus aid shall be payable in an amount equal to one  
8   hundred dollars per foundation enrollment, in the first fiscal year following the establishment of  
9   said regional school district; eighty dollars per foundation enrollment in the second fiscal year  
10   following the establishment of said regional school district; sixty dollars per foundation

11 enrollment in the third fiscal year following the establishment of said regional school district;  
12 forty dollars per foundation enrollment in the fourth fiscal year following the establishment of  
13 said regional school district; and, twenty dollars per foundation enrollment in the fifth fiscal year  
14 following the establishment of said regional school district.