

SENATE No. 286

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

SENATE No. 286

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 286) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to homeless children school transportation. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 is hereby by amended by inserting after
2 section 16C the following section:-

3 Section 16C1/2. 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, no later than November 20
8 annually, pay to school districts, subject to appropriation, the sums required for such
9 reimbursement 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 one fiscal year.