

SENATE No. 322

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 322) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to homeless children school transportation. Education.

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

8 School districts may establish a Homeless Children and Youth School Transportation
9 Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the commonwealth pursuant to this section may
10 be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for 1 fiscal year. Reimbursements made by the
11 commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into the fund to immediately reimburse
12 the school department for said costs; provided that any unexpended funds shall be allowed to be
13 carried forward for one fiscal year.