

HOUSE No. 3619

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf

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 human impact and regional equity analyses of budgetary proposals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/14/2019</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3619) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Russell E. Holmes and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish an independent budgetary review board to study the human impact and regional equity analyses of budgetary proposals. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to human impact and regional equity analyses of budgetary proposals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6E the
2 following section:-

3 Section 6F. (a) There shall be an independent budgetary review board consisting of the
4 following 5 members: the attorney general or a designee; the state treasurer or a designee; the
5 state secretary or a designee; the state auditor or a designee; and the inspector general or a
6 designee.

7 Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of 3
8 members of the board shall be necessary and sufficient for any action taken by the board. No
9 vacancy in the membership of the board shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the
10 rights and duties of the board.

11 The members of the board shall not be compensated for their membership on the board
12 and shall not be considered state employees for purposes of chapter 268A by virtue of their
13 membership on the board.

14 (b) Not less than 60 days after the submission of the general appropriation bill by the
15 governor to the general court pursuant to section 7H, the board shall assign a human impact
16 score and a regional equity score pursuant to the procedures and criteria established by the board
17 pursuant to subsection (c) for: (i) each line item appropriation recommended in the general
18 appropriation bill submitted by the governor pursuant to said section 7H that is less or more than
19 the line item appropriation contained in the general appropriation act enacted by the general
20 court for the previous fiscal year, regardless of the governor's disapproval or reduction of that
21 item pursuant to section 5 of Article LXIII of the Amendments to the Constitution; and (ii) each
22 line item appropriation included in the general appropriation act enacted by the general court for
23 the previous fiscal year, regardless of the governor's disapproval or reduction of that item
24 pursuant to section 5 of Article LXIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, that was omitted
25 from the general appropriation bill submitted by the governor pursuant to said section 7H.

26 (c) The board shall establish procedures and criteria for the assignment of human impact
27 scores and regional equity scores provided that: (i) the human impact score shall be designed to
28 assess the extent of the impact that a recommended reduction or increase to a line item will have
29 on the individuals who are directly impacted by or reliant on the services or programs funded by
30 that line item; and; (ii) the regional equity score shall be designed to assess the extent of the
31 impact that a recommended reduction or increase to a line item will have on a specific county of
32 the commonwealth.

33 (d) The board shall submit a report containing the human impact scores and regional
34 equity scores assigned pursuant to subsection (b) to the clerks of the house of representatives and
35 senate, the chair of the house committee on ways and means and the chair of the senate
36 committee on ways and means, not less than 60 days after the submission of the general
37 appropriation bill by the governor to the general court pursuant to section 7H.