

HOUSE No. 407

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

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 out-of-district vocational school transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and others relative to out-of-district vocational school transportation. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2837 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to out-of-district vocational 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. Section 8A of chapter 74 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:-

4 Section 8A. A town where a person resides who is admitted to a day school in another
5 town under section 7, may, through its school committee, when necessary, provide for the
6 transportation of such person and may provide the transportation for a fee, regardless of where
7 the pupil lives, but a student eligible for a free or reduced lunch under the federal school lunch
8 program, shall not be required to pay a fee; provided, that a school committee may choose to
9 exempt families at other income levels as it may determine; provided further, the no
10 transportation shall be provided for any pupil who resides less than 1 ½ miles from the school

11 which he attends. A municipality shall not be required under the provisions of this section to
12 provide for the transportation of a person who has completed the twelfth grade of school or the
13 equivalent thereto.