

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka and Paul McMurtry

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 authorizing the Norfolk County Treasurer to borrow funds for repairs to the Norfolk County Agricultural School.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| Louis L. Kafka | 8th Norfolk | 9/5/2019 |
| Paul McMurtry | 11th Norfolk | 9/9/2019 |
| Paul R. Feeney | Bristol and Norfolk | 9/5/2019 |
| Walter F. Timilty | Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth | 9/5/2019 |
| Bruce J. Ayers | 1st Norfolk | 9/6/2019 |
| William C. Galvin | 6th Norfolk | 9/6/2019 |
| Denise C. Garlick | 13th Norfolk | 9/9/2019 |
| James M. Murphy | 4th Norfolk | 9/9/2019 |
| John F. Keenan | Norfolk and Plymouth | 9/11/2019 |
| Michael F. Rush | Norfolk and Suffolk | 9/11/2019 |
| John H. Rogers | 12th Norfolk | 9/12/2019 |
| Rebecca L. Rausch | Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex | 9/13/2019 |

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By Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louis L. Kafka, Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to authorize the county commissioners of Norfolk County to borrow money for the repair, renovation and construction, equipping and furnishing of buildings at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School in the town of Walpole. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act authorizing the Norfolk County Treasurer to borrow funds for repairs to the Norfolk County Agricultural School.

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. The Norfolk County Commissioners may raise and expend a sum not 2 exceeding \$5,249,135 to fund preparation of plans and specifications and construction of repairs 3 and replacements, including the partial or full replacement of roof, windows/doors and required 4 consequential renovations and appurtenances and related equipment and furnishings of the 5 facilities of the Norfolk County Agricultural School, including the Administration Building, 6 located at 400 Main street in the Town of Walpole as associated with the project scope and 7 budget agreement approved by the Massachusetts School Building Authority on August 28, 8 2019. Said sum shall be expended under the direction of the Norfolk County Agricultural School 9 Board of Trustees acting as the Building Committee. The Massachusetts School Building 10 Authority's accelerated repair grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based 11 on need, as determined by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and any cost the

Norfolk County Agricultural School incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from
the Massachusetts School Building Authority shall be the sole responsibility of the Norfolk
County Agricultural School. The amount of this authorization shall be reduced by any grant
amount set forth and received in the project scope and budget agreement.

16 SECTION 2. For the purposes in section 1, the Norfolk County Treasurer, with the 17 approval of the Norfolk County Commissioners and the Norfolk County Advisory Board, may 18 borrow upon the credit of Norfolk County such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the 19 aggregate, \$5,249,135 and may issue bonds or notes of the County thereafter, which shall bear 20 on their face the words "Norfolk County Agricultural School Loan, Act of 2019". Each 21 authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and each such loan shall be payable not more 22 than 30 years from the date of issuance. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the Norfolk 23 County Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Norfolk County Commissioners. The 24 County may sell such securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the 25 County Commissioners may deem proper, but not less than par value. Any premium received 26 upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the 27 payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs 28 approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby 29 reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. 30 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the maturities of each issue of bonds 31 issued pursuant to this Act shall be arranged so that, for each issue, the amount payable in the 32 several years for principal and interest combined shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the 33 opinion of the officers authorized to issue bonds or, in the alternative, in accordance with a

schedule providing for more rapid payment of principal. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall,
except as herein provided, be subject to chapter 35 of the General Laws.

36 SECTION 3. The Norfolk County Commissioners may raise and expend a sum not 37 exceeding \$1,500,000 to fund costs of preparation of plans and specifications and construction of 38 various capital repairs and related improvements including replacement of roofs and other 39 exterior repairs, replacement of elevators and boilers and general interior refurbishments and 40 requisite consequential renovations and appurtenances, together with related equipment and 41 furnishings of County buildings situated in cities and towns within the County including, but not 42 limited to, the City of Quincy, the Town of Dedham and the Town of Wrentham. Said sum shall 43 be expended under the direction of the Norfolk County Commissioners.

44 SECTION 4. For the purposes in section 3, the Norfolk County Treasurer, with the 45 approval of the Norfolk County Commissioners and the Norfolk County Advisory Board, may 46 borrow upon the credit of Norfolk County such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the 47 aggregate, \$1,500,000 and may issue bonds or notes of the County thereafter, which shall bear 48 on their face the words "Norfolk County Building Improvement Loan, Act of 2019". Each 49 authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and each such loan shall be payable not more 50 than 30 years from the date of issuance. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the Norfolk 51 County Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Norfolk County Commissioners. The 52 County may sell such securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the 53 County Commissioners may deem proper, but not less than par value. Any premium received 54 upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the 55 payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby 56

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57 reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

58 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the maturities of each issue of bonds

59 issued pursuant to this Act shall be arranged so that, for each issue, the amount payable in the

60 several years for principal and interest combined shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the

61 opinion of the officers authorized to issue bonds or, in the alternative, in accordance with a

62 schedule providing for more rapid payment of principal. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall,

63 except as herein provided, be subject to chapter 35 of the General Laws.

64 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.