

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 477****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia A. Haddad***

*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 to assure opportunity for all students with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2019</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to improving procurement procedures to ensure opportunities for students with disabilities. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 265 OF 2017-2018.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act to assure opportunity for all students with disabilities.

*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 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
2           chapter 257 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended in the sixth paragraph by inserting after the  
3           first sentence the following 3 sentences:-

4           The division shall establish a subsequent year price for a contractor for goods or services  
5           related to special education as defined in section 1 of chapter 71B located within the  
6           commonwealth by adding a per student annual adjustment amount to the current authorized  
7           price, so called. The per student annual adjustment amount will be determined by multiplying  
8           the current authorized price, so called, by a percentage factor, as determined on an annual basis  
9           by the operational services division. The annual adjustment amount percentage for each cost  
10          component shall correspond to the actual cost component structure of these programs.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of purchased services of the department of procurement shall promulgate rules and regulations relative to the pricing of programs approved under chapter 71B of the General Laws for the purpose of promoting recruitment and retention of all direct care staff and improving instructional resources. Said rules and regulations shall include the following provisions:-

(a) the division shall establish a pricing mechanism, including eligibility and procedural requirements, that allows approved programs to apply for salary and benefit increases for all direct care staff including, but not limited to, teachers, related service staff, health care staff and clinical staff to increase the rate of licensure and certification, as may be required by state or federal law, and to decrease the rate of staff attrition and to ensure that benefits and salaries are comparable to the benefits and salaries of similar employees in public schools or relevant agencies of the commonwealth. Said salaries and benefits shall be prorated for the length of said programs. The pricing mechanism shall also address department of elementary and secondary education approved instructional resource upgrades;

(b) the department of elementary and secondary education shall, at the next evaluation of an approved private special education program as required in section 3 of chapter 71B, review the facilities, textbooks, equipment, technology, materials and supplies of the program necessary to instruct students in the Massachusetts curriculum frameworks and recommend to the division pricing adjustments to address needed instructional resource upgrades as determined by the department; and

(c) the division's pricing mechanisms shall not be based upon non-commonwealth or prior year's revenues. No mechanism established by the division shall delay a program price

33 adjustment for more than 90 days. Private special education programs must provide purchasers,  
34 the department of elementary and secondary education and the operational services division with  
35 a notice of intent to apply for salary and benefit upgrades by October 1 for the following fiscal  
36 year.