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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, 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 foundation budget review commission permanence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/17/2019*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*	*1/24/2019*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*	*1/17/2019*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*1/17/2019*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/30/2019*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*1/31/2019*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*	*1/28/2019*
William L. Crocker, Jr.	*2nd Barnstable*	*1/28/2019*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*	*1/29/2019*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*1/30/2019*
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*	*1/30/2019*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*	*1/31/2019*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Alyson M. Sullivan	*7th Plymouth*	*1/31/2019*
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	*5th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Michael J. Soter	*8th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
David K. Muradian, Jr.	*9th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*

Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
James M. Kelcourse	*1st Essex*	*2/1/2019*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 500) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to permanently establish the Foundation Budget Review Commission. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to foundation budget review commission permanence.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking section 4 in its entirety, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 4. There shall be a foundation budget review commission to review, every 5 years, the way foundation budgets are calculated and to make recommendations for potential changes in those calculations as the commission deems appropriate. In conducting such review, the commission shall seek to determine the educational programs and services necessary to achieve the commonwealth's educational goals and to prepare students to achieve passing scores on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System examinations or other designated statewide assessments. The review shall include, but not be limited to, those components of the foundation budget created pursuant to section 3 of chapter 70 and subsequent changes made to the foundation budget by law. In addition, the commission shall seek to determine and

recommend measures to promote the adoption of ways in which resources can be most effectively utilized and consider various models of efficient and effective resource allocation. In carrying out the review, the commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall provide to the commission any data and information the commissioner considers relevant to the commission's charge. The commission shall include the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, who shall serve as co-chairs, the secretary of education, the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, the commissioner of early education and care, the speaker of the house of representatives or a designee, the president of the senate or a designee, the minority leader of the house of representatives or a designee, the minority leader of the senate or a designee, the governor or a designee, the chair of the house committee on ways and means or a designee, the chair of the senate committee on ways and means or a designee and 1 member to be appointed by each of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc., the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc., the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc., the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, Inc. and the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials. Members shall not receive compensation for their services but may receive reimbursement for the reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities as members of the commission. The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall furnish reasonable staff and other support for the work of the commission. Prior to issuing its recommendations, the commission shall conduct not fewer than 4 public hearings across regions of the commonwealth. The commission shall be considered a special commission established

by section 2A of chapter 4 and shall be subject to the provisions of said section 2A of chapter 4. It shall not constitute a violation of chapter 268A for state employee or a person employed by a school district to serve on the commission or to participate in commission deliberations that may have a financial impact on the district employing that person, on the commonwealth, or on the rate at which that person may be compensated. The commission may establish procedures to ensure that no such person participates in commission deliberations that may directly affect the school districts employing those persons or that may directly affect the rate at which those persons are compensated. The first report pursuant to section 9 of this act shall be made on or before November 1, 2019.