

HOUSE No. 547

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 OT of district vocational school transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 547) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to certain vocational school transportation costs. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to OT 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.