

HOUSE No. 643

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Kelcourse and Meghan Kilcoyne

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 create efficiencies in the education system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Representatives Kelcourse of Amesbury and Kilcoyne of Northborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 643) of James M. Kelcourse and Meghan Kilcoyne for legislation to further regulate the administration of public education systems. Education.

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

An Act to create efficiencies in the education system.

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 64 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following four paragraphs added after the last
3 paragraph:

4 Any existing public school district, regional school district, or Commonwealth Charter
5 School which seeks to consolidate the following positions with other such school districts or
6 schools in the form of a Superintendency Union will be provided a one-time incentive payment
7 of an amount of funds, subject to appropriation from year to year, which may be applied toward
8 the restructuring costs of such consolidation or to other benefit as the local School Committee
9 may decide. Such payments will be provided subject to appropriation by the legislature for the
10 fiscal year.

11 Such qualifying Superintendency Unions will consolidate, at a minimum, the functions of
12 the positions of Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Business Managers, Curriculum

13 Directors, Special Education Directors, Human Resource Managers, Academic Department
14 Chairs, Guidance Chairs, Athletic Directors, English Language Learning Directors, and
15 Information Technology Directors, along with their associated staff positions.

16 Upon initial consolidation, and in application for receipt of the incentive payments for the
17 member districts, each Superintendency Union shall submit to the Department of Elementary and
18 Secondary Education for approval, a consolidation transition plan which will provide for the
19 elimination of all redundant positions before three years shall have elapsed from the time of the
20 formation of the Superintendency Union.

21 Subject to appropriation for the fiscal year, funds will be provided to both the Department
22 of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Revenue for the purpose of
23 providing technical assistance for the formation of such Superintendency Unions.