SENATE DOCKET, NO. 420 FILED ON: 1/29/2021

SENATE . . . . . No. 296

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford

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 promoting equity in school building assistance and ensuring best practice incentives are available for all school building projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*3/8/2021*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*3/9/2021*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*	*3/15/2021*

SENATE DOCKET, NO. 420 FILED ON: 1/29/2021

SENATE . . . . . No. 296

By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 296) of Joanne M. Comerford, Patricia A. Duffy, Michael O. Moore and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to promote equity in school building assistance and ensuring best practice incentives are available for all school building projects. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act promoting equity in school building assistance and ensuring best practice incentives are available for all school building projects.

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. The second paragraph of section 3 of chapter 70B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Grants and financial assistance provided by the school building assistance program shall be guided by principles of equity and shall take into account the need to address historic patterns of injustice and inequity.

SECTION 2. Section 10 of chapter 70B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(d) Notwithstanding the first sentence of this section, in the case of an approved school project where the Base Percentage (A) + Community Income Factor (B1) + Community Property Wealth Factor (B2) + Community Poverty Factor (B3) under this section equals 63 per cent or more, incentive percentage (C) points shall be awarded to the project under the regulations of the authority and the reimbursement percentage for the project may exceed 80 per cent.