

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Ryan

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 the distribution of federal pandemic funds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>6/8/2023</i>

HOUSE No.

By Representative Ryan of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Ryan relative to the distribution of federal pandemic funds received by executive offices, state agencies, state authorities or quasi-state authorities and constitutional offices. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the distribution of federal pandemic funds.

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. Each executive office, state agency, state authority or quasi-state authority
2 and constitutional office of the commonwealth that directly received (i) pandemic relief funds,
3 (ii) economic stimulus funds or (iii) loan funds shall allocate and use a portion of such funds to
4 engage an independent third-party firm to perform a risk assessment of each state entities’
5 controls in administering the use of funds and to audit the disbursement of funds. The state
6 auditor shall oversee any risk assessment and audit performed under this act.

7 SECTION 2. The secretary of administration and finance shall consult with the state
8 auditor, any firm engaged pursuant to section 1 and each executive office, state agency, state
9 authority or quasi-state authority and constitutional office of the commonwealth that conducts a
10 risk assessment or audit similar to those required in section 1 regarding the scope of any audits
11 performed.

12 SECTION 3. Annually, by December 31, the secretary of administration and finance
13 shall file a report with the governor and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate
14 that compiles the findings of any audit performed pursuant to section 1.

15 SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated from the coronavirus local fiscal relief funds
16 made available to the commonwealth under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for the fiscal
17 year ending June 30, 2023, the sum of \$500,000 for the purposes of section 1.