

SENATE No. 298

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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 increased material costs in school construction projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/17/2023</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>5/23/2023</i>

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 298) of Edward J. Kennedy, Vanna Howard, Rady Mom, Rodney M. Elliott and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to increased material costs in school construction projects. Education.

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

An Act relative to increased material costs in school construction projects.

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

1 Chapter 70B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 SECTION 21. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, as a means of
3 providing available assets for previously approved school building projects adversely affected by
4 increases to material costs, a percentage but no less than \$150,000,000 of eligible funds received
5 by the commonwealth as part of State and Local aid from Federal COVID-19 recovery funds
6 shall be paid over to and become part of the School Modernization and Reconstruction Trust
7 Fund.

8 The Massachusetts School Building Authority shall use these funds to reimburse
9 previously approved school building projects that can show a demonstrated cost increase brought
10 about by the COVID-19 pandemic and global supply chain issues.