

HOUSE No. 4038

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Barrett, III

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 school transportation reimbursement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/8/2025</i>

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4038) of John Barrett, III relative to school transportation reimbursement. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to school transportation reimbursement.

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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 7C the following section:-

3 Section 7D. (a) To provide for a 100 per cent reimbursement of the cost of transportation
4 not reimbursable under section 7A, the state treasurer shall annually, on or before November 20,
5 pay to a qualifying municipality the sums required for full reimbursement of transportation costs
6 incurred directly from the transportation between school and home of any pupil.

7 (b) A qualifying municipality eligible for funding under this section shall include any
8 municipality that: (i) is not a gateway municipality as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A; (ii)
9 receives no transportation reimbursement from the commonwealth because it is not a member of
10 a regional school district; and (iii) has a population with 10 per cent or more living at or below
11 the federal poverty line, as determined by the most recent United States Census Bureau statistics.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 30, 2025.