

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 678**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Orlando Ramos***

*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 fix the chapter 70 inflation adjustment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>

<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/24/2025</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2025</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/24/2025</i>
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>5/8/2025</i>

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By Representative Ramos of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 678) of Orlando Ramos and others relative to inflation adjustments for education aid. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to fix the chapter 70 inflation adjustment.

*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 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 the definition of “Foundation allotments” and inserting in place thereof the following new  
3 definition:-

4           “Foundation allotments”, the sum of the foundation category costs for each district;  
5 provided, however, that the sum in each foundation category shall be the product of enrollment  
6 in each foundation enrollment category that is eligible for the respective foundation category and  
7 the per-pupil rate assigned to each foundation category; provided further, that in each year the  
8 per-pupil rate for each foundation category, except employee benefits and fixed charges, shall  
9 not be less than the foundation per-pupil rate in section 3 of this chapter adjusted by the  
10 foundation inflation index; and provided further, that in each year the rate for employee benefits  
11 and fixed charges shall not be less than the prior year's rate adjusted by the foundation employee  
12 benefits inflation rate.

13           SECTION 2: Said section 2 of chapter 70 is hereby further amended by striking the  
14 definition of “Foundation inflation index” and inserting in place thereof the following new  
15 definition:-

16           “Foundation inflation index”, the ratio of the value of the implicit price deflator for state  
17 and local government consumption expenditures and gross investment in the first quarter of the  
18 prior fiscal year to the value of that same deflator in the first quarter of fiscal year two thousand  
19 and nineteen; provided that the increase in the index over the prior fiscal year shall not exceed  
20 four-and-one-half percent.