

HOUSE No. 690

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron L. Saunders

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 Massachusetts School Building Authority.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Saunders of Belchertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 690) of Aaron L. Saunders for legislation to increase the dedicated sales tax revenue for the school building assistance authority and to further regulate applications for said program. Education.

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

An Act relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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 35BB of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the figure “1” and inserting
3 in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 2.

4 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 70B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by striking out, in lines 29 and 30, the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof, in each
6 instance, the following figure:- 2.

7 SECTION 3. Said chapter 70B is hereby amended by inserting after section 5 the
8 following section:-

9 Section 5A. No eligible applicant that submits a statement of interest to the authority
10 pursuant to section 5 shall be denied an invite to apply for a school facilities grant solely because
11 of the age of the system in need of repair. The authority may consider the age of the system in
12 need of repair as a factor when reviewing applications for the purpose of designating approved

13 school projects pursuant to section 6, and for the purpose of prioritizing the approval of school
14 projects and reimbursements pursuant to section 8; provided, however, that no application shall
15 be rejected based solely on the age of the system in need of repair; and provided, further, that the
16 authority may prioritize the repair of older systems.