

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 mitigating MBTA communities funding impact for first responders and education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>

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By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to funding for public safety and education for certain Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority communities. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 5498 OF 2023-2024.]

**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 mitigating MBTA communities funding impact for first responders and education.

*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 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 9  
2 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
3 subsection:-

4           (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b) or any other general or special law to the contrary, no  
5 department or agency of the commonwealth shall, pursuant to this section or any other general or  
6 special law, withhold funding or grant opportunities for which the MBTA community is  
7 otherwise eligible for failure to comply with this section, if the funding or grant may lawfully be  
8 used by the MBTA community for public safety or public education purposes, as determined by  
9 the department or agency responsible for determining the funding or grant eligibility.