

HOUSE No.

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>

HOUSE No.

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.

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.