

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1837**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Ryan C. Fattman***

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*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 Blackstone Valley vocational regional school district.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Ryan C. Fattman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Hampden*

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1837) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to the Blackstone Valley vocational regional school district. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE DOCKET, NO. 3161 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 relative to the Blackstone Valley vocational regional school district.

*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. Sub-section 4 of section 28 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new  
3 paragraph:

4           (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Blackstone Valley  
5 Regional Vocational Technical High School, the employees of which have become, or which  
6 become members of the state employees retirement system under the provisions of this  
7 subdivision or any other previous act, shall remit to the state board of retirement as the  
8 employer's normal cost as determined by the actuary, of benefits earned during each year by such  
9 employees who are members of the state employees' retirement system.

10           The actuary shall determine such cost as a percentage of the payroll of the Blackstone  
11 Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School for such employees based upon the most  
12 recent actuarial valuation of the state retirement system. The actuary may consider factors  
13 including types of governmental unit, employee demographic information, and employee group  
14 classification to help in the determination of said percentage. Said cost shall be paid monthly  
15 and deposited in the pension reserve fund of the state employees' retirement system. The actuary  
16 shall review the percentage determined in this paragraph at least every three years.

17           SECTION 2. Sub-section (4) of section 28 of chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby  
18 amended by adding the following paragraph:

19           (d) The state retirement board upon terms and conditions it may establish, may require a  
20 participating employer governed by this sub-section, who fails to remit either its normal cost  
21 amount as determined in paragraph (c), or the contributions made on behalf of employees who  
22 are members of the Massachusetts State Employees Retirement System as required by section 22  
23 of Chapter 32, by the first day of the second month following the work month, to pay an  
24 additional amount equal to 10% of the total amount of delinquent contributions. The state  
25 retirement board shall have the right to commence an action in contract for payment of  
26 outstanding amounts determined to be due in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

27           SECTION 3. Reimbursements currently outstanding to the state retirement board under  
28 paragraph (b) of sub-section (4) of section 28 of chapter 32 for calendar years 2013, 2014, and  
29 2015 shall not be required.

30           SECTION 4. Reimbursements currently outstanding to the state retirement board under  
31 paragraph (c) of sub-section (4) of section 28 of chapter 32 for calendar years 2016, 2017 and

32 2018 shall be required and remitted under terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the  
33 board.

34 SECTION 5. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.