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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 financial impact of charter schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*3/3/2025*
Robyn K. Kennedy	*First Worcester*	*3/10/2025*

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 378) of Patricia D. Jehlen and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to the financial impact of charter schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *292* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the financial impact of charter schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 89 of said chapter 71, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “application”, in line 294, the following words:- including, but not limited to the financial impact of establishing or expanding the charter school on the students and schools of the sending district or districts

SECTION 2. Section 89 of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “criteria”, in line 296, the following text:- No charter application shall be approved before a report has been presented to the board by the department on the financial impact to the sending district or districts.

SECTION 3. Subsection (gg) of said section 89 of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:- Annually, not later than January 10, the

department shall make a request to the general court for the full funding of this reimbursement and the reimbursement calculated under subsection (ff). If the general court rejects the request to fund the reimbursement, the board shall not approve any application for a new charter school or a charter school expansion in the following school year.