

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 updating the charter net school spending cap.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jason M. Lewis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fifth Middlesex*

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act updating the charter net school spending cap.

*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 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 186, the figure “9” and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following figure:- 7.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 89 of said chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
5 hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 187 to 191, inclusive, the words “provided,  
6 however, that a public school district's total charter tuition payment to commonwealth charter  
7 schools shall not exceed 18 per cent of the district's net school spending if the school district  
8 qualifies under paragraph (3)” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided,  
9 however, that no students who attend a charter school on or before August 1, 2024 shall be  
10 required to stop attending the charter school due to the public school district’s total charter  
11 school tuition payment exceeding 7 percent of net school spending.

12           SECTION 3. Said section 89 of said chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
13 hereby further amended by striking out, in line 194, the figure “9” and inserting in place thereof  
14 the following figure:- 7.

15           SECTION 4. Said section 89 of said chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
16 hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 195 to 196, inclusive, the words “or 18 per cent  
17 for those districts that qualify under said paragraph (3)”

18           SECTION 5. Said section 89 of said chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
19 hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 214 to 290, subsections (i)(3) (i)(4) in their  
20 entirety.