

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Edward J. Kennedy*

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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 resolve:

Resolve to examine Chapter 70 funding.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Edward J. Kennedy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex*

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

Resolve to examine Chapter 70 funding.

1           **Resolved**, that a special commission is hereby established for the purpose to study and  
2 make recommendations regarding state education funding under Chapter 70 of the Massachusetts  
3 General Laws. The commission shall examine the funding challenges brought about under  
4 current law during periods of increased inflation.

5           The commission shall consist of the commissioner of the department of secondary and  
6 elementary education or his designee, who shall serve as commission chair; 3 members of the  
7 senate, 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the joint committee on education, 1 of whom shall  
8 be appointed by the senate president and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of  
9 the senate; 3 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be the house chair of the  
10 joint committee on education, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
12 representatives; 3 persons to be appointed by the governor, who shall be superintendents or  
13 business managers who represent school districts where the state investment under Chapter 70  
14 has not kept pace with increasing costs due to inflation, and 3 persons appointed by the governor  
15 who shall be superintendents or business managers who represent school districts in Gateway

16 Cities, and 3 persons appointed by the governor who shall be superintendents or business  
17 managers who represent vocational or technical schools. The commission shall convene its first  
18 meeting not later than June 1, 2025, and shall file a report along with any recommendations for  
19 legislation not later than November 30, 2025, with the clerks of the senate and house, the chairs  
20 of the senate and house committees on ways and means, and the chairs of the joint committee on  
21 education.