

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 Foundation Budget Review Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

SENATE No.

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 0000) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to meeting and charge of the Foundation Budget Review Commission. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

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_. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary The Foundation
2 Budget Review Commission prescribed by Ch. 70, S. 4 of the General Laws shall convene not
3 later than January 2, 2026, provided that, in addition to the review of the items identified in said
4 section, the commission shall also consider the challenges presented for school districts with
5 declining enrollment, the increased costs associated with social-emotional learning and mental
6 health, the costs associated with special education, and the methodology employed to calculate
7 required local contribution by municipalities, provided further that, in establishing the scope of
8 its operations, the commission shall conduct no less than 3 public hearings in geographically
9 diverse locations in the commonwealth, which shall accommodate remote electronic
10 participation. The commission shall file a final report, including legislative recommendations,
11 no later than September 30, 2026, with the clerks of the House and Senate, the House and Senate
12 Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on Education, the Department of

13 Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Executive Office of Education provided that the
14 commission may file interim reports from time to time in the same manner.