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SENATE . . . . . No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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 to reimburse school districts of unforeseen busing costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Edward J. Kennedy	*First Middlesex*

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to reimburse school districts of unforeseen busing costs. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to reimburse school districts of unforeseen busing costs.

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

Notwithstanding section 7H of chapter 29 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, effective for fiscal year two thousand and twenty-six and in subsequent fiscal years, the department of elementary and secondary education shall annually submit a request to the general court for an appropriation that covers the additional cost of school transportation of homeless students for school districts in communities hosting an emergency shelter and reimburse the sending districts housing said students.