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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Joanne M. Comerford***

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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 bill:

An Act providing for transparency and geographic equity in all state grant funding.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*

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

An Act providing for transparency and geographic equity in all state grant funding.

*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. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2 4S the following section:-

3 Section 4T.(a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context  
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

5 “Executive agencies”, all departments, commissions, offices, boards, divisions,  
6 institutions and other agencies within the executive department of the government of the  
7 commonwealth.

8 “The office”, the executive office for administration and finance.

9 (b) The office shall establish and, on an annual basis or on a more frequent basis as  
10 determined by the secretary, update a public, interactive dashboard with aggregate and  
11 disaggregated data on all grant awards made by executive agencies and all quasi-public agencies  
12 of the commonwealth that fiscal year. Executive agencies and all quasi-public agencies of the

13 commonwealth shall furnish the office with all data requested by the office that is needed to  
14 populate the dashboard. The dashboard shall be hosted on the office’s website and the data shall  
15 be downloadable by members of the public. Data included in the dashboard shall be sortable by  
16 different categories to provide for additional analysis, including, but not limited to, analysis of  
17 geographic equity in state grant funding, and identification of patterns and trends. Said categories  
18 shall include, but not be limited to: (i) year over year changes in funding for specific grant  
19 programs; (ii) total and per capita grant awards by municipality; (iii) total and per capita grant  
20 awards by county; (iv) executive agency or quasi-public agency of the commonwealth  
21 responsible for administering the grant; (v) grant topic, such as education, agriculture, health, or  
22 environment; and (vi) total amount of grant funding available for that fiscal year versus total  
23 amount of grant funding appropriated.

24 (c) The office shall provide an annual report to the house and senate committees on ways  
25 and means, the joint committee on municipalities and regional government and the clerks of the  
26 house and the senate, not later than October 31, on geographic equity in all state grant awards.  
27 The report shall provide an overview of grant funding awards from the past fiscal year,  
28 including, but not limited to, comprehensive summaries of the information required by clauses i  
29 to vi, inclusive, of this act, and recommendations for increasing geographic equity in grant  
30 awards and grant distribution in the next fiscal year. The office shall make the report publicly  
31 available on its website.

32 SECTION 2. The dashboard referenced in section 1 of this act shall be established and  
33 hosted on the executive office for administration and finance’s website no later than 1 year after  
34 the effective date of this act.