

HOUSE No. 1931

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to an improving the calculation of foundation budgets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1931) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to an the calculation of foundation budgets. Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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Resolve relative to an improving the calculation of foundation budgets.

1 Resolved, SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there
2 shall be a special commission to study and report on ways to improve the calculation of
3 foundation budgets to more adequately reflect the differences between educating a student in an
4 urban community and a suburban or rural community, including the possibility of establishing
5 alternate funding formulas to represent regional differences. The commission shall consist of the
6 commissioner of education; 3 members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall to be
7 appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader
8 of the house; 3 members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president, and
9 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; the Secretary of Administration and
10 Finance or their designee; the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education or their
11 designee; a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association; and a member appointed
12 by the governor. The scope of the commission shall include, but shall not be limited to:
13 researching the adequacy of the current chapter 70 education formula; investigating the financial
14 impact of altering the calculation of the foundation budget on cities and towns and the state
15 budgeting process; analyzing the various factors that contribute to calculating the foundation

16 budgets based upon the unique aspects of the different regions and demographics of the
17 Commonwealth; and the possibility of implementing different foundation budget calculations for
18 different regions of the Commonwealth. The commission shall submit its report to the board of
19 education, the joint committee on education, and the senate and house clerks no later than one
20 months after the passage of this act.