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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 Supporting Municipal Fiscal Stability through a Special Education Stabilization Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
David M. Torrisi	*14th Essex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Patricia D. Jehlen	
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
William N. Brownsberger	
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, and Franklin*
Bruce E. Tarr	
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Gailanne M. Cariddi	*1st Berkshire*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*
Michael O. Moore	
Walter F. Timilty	*7th Norfolk*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*

Karen E. Spilka	
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
Cleon H. Turner	*1st Barnstable*

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By Mr. Lewis of Winchester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jason M. Lewis and others for legislation to authorize municipalities to create stabilization funds for special education costs. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act Supporting Municipal Fiscal Stability through a Special Education Stabilization Fund.

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

Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws (2008 Official Edition) shall be amended by adding the following paragraph:

Upon the recommendation of the school committee and the acceptance by majority vote of the appropriate legislative body, the school department of any school district shall be authorized to retain any unexpended funds of the present fiscal year so voted, to be placed in a separate stabilization fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal year or years, to pay, without further appropriation, for unanticipated and/or unbudgeted costs of special education out of school district tuition and/or transportation. The balance in such separate stabilization fund shall not exceed 2% of the annual net school spending of the school district.