

HOUSE No. 3216

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Matthew A. Beaton

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 protecting municipalities from unfunded mandates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Beaton of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3216) of Matthew A. Beaton and others for legislation to require that fiscal notes be attached to legislation providing unfunded mandates on municipal governments. Ways and Means.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to protecting municipalities from unfunded mandates.

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

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38B the
2 following section:-

3 Section 38B¹/₂.(a) For the purposes of this section, an unfunded mandate to a city or town
4 is one that imposes a cost on municipal governments as a result of legislation being considered
5 by the General Court, including, but not limited to the cost for the requisite staff necessary to
6 administer or implement the legislation.

7 (b) Joint committees of the general court and the committees on ways and means of
8 either branch thereof when referred bills that contain an unfunded mandate to municipalities
9 shall, prior to a favorable report of such bill include a fiscal note or study which clearly explains
10 any cost described in subsection (a).

11 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the event that there is a
12 cost to any city or town regarding such legislation, the general court shall refrain from enacting
13 the legislation until such time as an appropriation satisfying said cost is provided by the general
14 court.