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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to special education budgets.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Tolman, Steven (SEN) | Second Suffolk and Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00381 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to special education budgets.

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

SECTION 1. Recognizing that school districts and municipalities are unable to adequately plan an education budget because of the volatility of special education costs, and in an effort to help school districts and municipalities with their growing concern regarding extraordinary and unanticipated special education cost, the Commonwealth will devise an insurance policy for municipalities in school districts which will allow them to be reimbursed for special education costs that exceed 25% of the dollar amount obtained by the formula below:

The average special education expenditures for the commonwealth over the last three years, divided by the average number of public school students in the commonwealth over the last three years, multiplied by the number of students in a particular school district or municipality.