

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Lida E. Harkins**

*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 school reimbursement.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Lida E. Harkins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 582 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 SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENT.**

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

1 Notwithstanding Section 72 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the  
2 contrary, any funds received by a city, town or regional school district pursuant to said Section 72 4 shall  
3 be considered unrestricted revenue of the city, town or regional school district. Commencing in fiscal  
4 year 2010, and every year thereafter, a city or town shall deposit in a separate account for expenditures  
5 by the school committee not less than 50 percent of any such funds received. A school committee may  
6 receive a percentage of such amount that is larger than said 50 percent if the committee negotiates an  
7 agreement with the executive body of the city or town to receive such a larger percentage. A school  
8 committee may make expenditures from the separate account for any lawful educational purpose  
9 without further appropriation. Any expenditure from said account on items qualifying as net school  
10 spending shall supplement the net school spending requirement of the district. The receipt of such funds  
11 shall not affect the calculation of the minimum required local contribution and state school aid as  
12 defined in Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws.