

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Flanagan**

*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 regarding school transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ms. Flanagan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00277 OF 2007-2008.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT REGARDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 71, Section 68 is hereby amended by adding after the fourth  
2 sentence thereof the following:

3           The Commonwealth shall reimburse the school committee for budgeted payments made  
4 to furnish mandated transportation to children entitled to attend the public schools pursuant to the  
5 provisions of this section. The Commonwealth shall also reimburse the school committee for any  
6 extraordinary price increases over the amount budgeted by the school committee for school  
7 transportation or fuel for heating and cooling of school facilities, such determination of an  
8 extraordinary price increase to be made by the Commonwealth annually based on an analysis of  
9 the costs of transportation and fuel in the area. Any reimbursements forwarded to a municipality  
10 under the provisions of this section shall be deposited with the treasurer of the municipality and  
11 held as a separate account. The reimbursements held in such separate account may be expended

12 by the school committee thereof without further appropriation for the cost of school  
13 transportation or fuel, notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three of chapter 44 of the  
14 general laws.