

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 charter school enrollment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia D. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00323 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.

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 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking subsection
2 (o) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

3 The Department of Education shall annually, no later than April 1, notify each public school district in
4 writing of the number of students who will be attending the charter school from the district the
5 following September as well as the number of new students who will be transferring from that district to
6 the charter school in the following September. Charter school tuition payments from the district shall
7 be based on the previous year's enrollment in a manner identical to the calculation of a district's chapter
8 70 aid.

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10 Section 2. Chapter 71, Section 89 is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (oo) and
11 inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

12 Beginning in fiscal year 2011, any charter school whose total charter school enrollment is greater than
13 its total charter school enrollment for the previous year shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth in
14 accordance with this paragraph and subject to appropriation; provided, however, that the
15 reimbursement amount shall be equal to 100 per cent of the increase in the year in which the increase
16 occurs; 60 per cent of that amount in the first year following; and 40 per cent of that amount in the
17 second year following.