

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tolman, Steven (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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:*

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

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