

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Spilka**

*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 studying alternative sources for funding local and state aid to public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ms. Spilka

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00365 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO STUDYING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES FOR FUNDING LOCAL AND  
STATE AID TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in order to improve  
2 public education throughout the commonwealth, the department of revenue and the department  
3 of education, are hereby directed to convene a task force in order to conduct a study on  
4 alternative, dependable sources for funding local and state aid to public schools. Said task force  
5 shall be chaired jointly by the commissioner of the department of revenue or his designee and the  
6 commissioner of the department of education or his designee. Members of said task force shall  
7 include, the chair of the senate committee on ways and means or his designee, the chair of the  
8 house committee on ways and means or his designee, the senate chair of the joint committee on  
9 education or his designee, the house chair of the joint committee on education or his designee,  
10 the senate chair of the joint committee on revenue or his designee, the house chair of the joint  
11 committee on revenue or his designee, and one representative from each of the following

12 organizations: the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, the Massachusetts Association of  
13 School Superintendents, the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the Massachusetts  
14 Association of School Committees, the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers and the  
15 Massachusetts Teachers Association. The study shall include, but not be limited to, alternative,  
16 dependable sources to fund public education other than the property tax and the exploration and  
17 investigation of a dedicated funding stream for funding state aid to public schools. The task force  
18 shall report the results of said study to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the  
19 joint committee on education, the joint committee on revenue, and the secretary of  
20 administration and finance no later than 1 year from the effective date of this act.