

HOUSE No. 2037

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to equalizing public school transportation fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Colleen M. Garry

36th Middlesex

Rich Cowan

12 Greenlawn Ave Dracut, MA 01826

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2037) of Colleen M. Garry and Rich Cowan relative to public school transportation fees. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to equalizing public school transportation fees.

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

1 BILL text: A proposal to equalize transportation fees for Public School Students

2 Definitions

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4 "school transportation fee" A fee that may be charged to students to ride busses to school
5 in a municipality, as permitted under the provisions of MGL chapter 71 section 68

6 "qualifying municipality" A city or town that sends five or more students to a regional
7 vocational school, and which charges a school transportation fee to students in the regular day in
8 district school program.

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10 Chapter 71 of MGL is amended to add a new section (Chapter 98) as follows:

11 "every regional vocational school that busses students from a qualifying municipality
12 must collect a fee for bus transportation from all students who are bussed from that town. That
13 fee shall be equal to the fees charged to the in-district students.

14 The funds collected from this fee would be remitted to the town where the fee payers
15 reside, and would be appropriated exclusively to cover school transportation costs for that town.

16 The fees would be assessed by June 30th of each year for the following school year. The
17 funds must be transferred to the qualifying municipality by October 30th.