

SENATE No. 394

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 increasing the Commonwealth's share of the education foundation budget.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2025</i>
<i>Leigh Davis</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 394) of Jason M. Lewis, Joanne M. Comerford and Leigh Davis for legislation to increase the Commonwealth's share of the education foundation budget. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 303 OF 2023-2024.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act increasing the Commonwealth's share of the education foundation budget.

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. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 the definition of "total state target local contribution" and inserting, in place thereof the
3 following:-

4 "Total state target local contribution", the per cent of the total state foundation budget
5 which is to be funded through required local contributions, provided that the per cent shall be
6 specified annually in the general appropriations act but shall not exceed 58 per cent.

7 SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
8 the definition of "total state target local contribution" and inserting, in place thereof the
9 following:-

“Total state target local contribution”, the per cent of the total state foundation budget which is to be funded through required local contributions, provided that the per cent shall be specified annually in the general appropriations act but shall not exceed 57 per cent.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the definition of "total state target local contribution" and inserting, in place thereof the following:-

“Total state target local contribution”, the per cent of the total state foundation budget which is to be funded through required local contributions, provided that the per cent shall be specified annually in the general appropriations act but shall not exceed 56 per cent.

SECTION 4. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the definition of "total state target local contribution" and inserting, in place thereof the following:-

“Total state target local contribution”, the per cent of the total state foundation budget which is to be funded through required local contributions, provided that the per cent shall be specified annually in the general appropriations act but shall not exceed 55 per cent.

SECTION 5. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the definition of "total state target local contribution" and inserting, in place thereof the following:-

“Total state target local contribution”, the per cent of the total state foundation budget which is to be funded through required local contributions, provided that the per cent shall be specified annually in the general appropriations act but shall not exceed 54 per cent.

- 31 SECTION 6. Section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 32 SECTION 7. Section 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.
- 33 SECTION 8. Section 4 shall take effect on January 1, 2028.
- 34 SECTION 9. Section 5 shall take effect on January 1, 2029.