

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 526**

By Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, petition of Karyn E. Polito and Thomas J. Calter relative to charter school funding. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING.

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

- 1 Subsection (nn) of section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws,
- 2 as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 3 inserting after the 4th paragraph, the following 3 paragraphs:—
- 4 The commonwealth shall pay a tuition reimbursement amount to
- 5 the districts sending students to a charter school, calculated as the
- 6 difference of the tuition paid to the charter school by the sending
- 7 district and the tuition amount allocated per pupil in the appropriate
- 8 public school of the sending district.
- 9 The commonwealth shall also pay excess administration costs to
- 10 the sending district relative to the additional work provided by the
- 11 sending district to process the transfer of any pupils being sent to a
- 12 charter school.
- 13 The tuition amount owed by a sending district to a charter school
- 14 shall be limited to 75% of the sum of the foundation budgets and
- 15 adjusted foundation spending percentage to a maximum of \$5,000 of
- 16 the per pupil, multiplied by the total number of students attending
- 17 the charter school from that district in the current fiscal year, pro-
- 18 vided that the tuition owed by a sending district shall exclude pupils
- 19 who did not attend sending district public schools in the prior year
- 20 but who were residents and eligible to attend public schools.