

HOUSE No. 2347

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Joseph N. Hermann and another that the Department of Education be required to reimburse cities, towns and regional school districts for expenses incurred for children with special needs. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REIMBURSE IN FULL CITIES, TOWNS AND REGIONAL DISTRICTS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

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

- 1 Chapter 71B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
- 2 out section 13, inserted by section 11 of chapter 766 of the acts of
- 3 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
- 4 *Section 13.* On or before June thirtieth of each year, the
- 5 department of education shall reimburse each city, town and
- 6 regional school district in full for all expenses incurred under the
- 7 provisions of this chapter for the previous school year.

By the Committee on the Judiciary, to accompany H. R. 1047, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and for other purposes.

The Committee is authorized

to print the following report:

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