

# SENATE . . . . . No. 326

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By Mr. D'Amico, a petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 326) of Gerard D'Amico, Martin T. Reilly, James G. Collins, Walter J. Boverini and Frederick E. Berry for the adoption of resolutions declaring the will of the Legislature to increase the state share in the cost of elementary and secondary education. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

RESOLUTIONS DECLARING THE WILL OF THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE STATE SHARE IN THE COST OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

*WHEREAS*, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts charges this General Court with the duty of spreading the opportunities and advantages of education equally among the people; and

*WHEREAS*, the General Laws of Massachusetts have discharged this duty to the several cities and towns to the extent that local communities carry over sixty percent of the burden of school support; and

*WHEREAS*, the towns and cities no longer command the means to sustain this responsibility;

*THEREFORE*, be it resolved that it is the will and intent of this Legislature to maintain a stature of constitutional conformity by assuming fifty percent of the burden of supporting public elementary and secondary school programs aidable under Chapter Seventy of the General Laws.

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