

By Mr. Morrissey of Quincy, petition of the Mass. Federation of Teachers and Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to regulate the expenditure of reimbursements received by cities and towns from the Commonwealth. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT DIRECTING THAT REIMBURSEMENTS BE APPROPRIATED FOR SPECIFIC EXPENDITURES.

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. Chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding to the end thereof the following new Section
3 sixty-nine: — Funds received by any city or town from the
4 Commonwealth which by law are reimbursement for specific
5 school or other municipal expenditures, shall be appropriated
6 only to the board, office, department or committee under whose
7 authority and reimbursable expenditures were made and shall not
8 be appropriated to any other municipal board, office, department
9 or committee.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding to the end thereof the following new Section
3 70: —

4 Section 70. In providing annually an amount of money
5 sufficient for the support of its public schools, regional and/or
6 vocational and school districts, and for other municipal purposes,
7 no city or town shall reduce its budget for its public schools,
8 regional and/or percentage than the percentage which those
9 respective budgets for that fiscal year bear to the city's and town's
10 entire budget for that fiscal year, and no city or town shall transfer
11 expenses to those respective budgets which were not included in
12 those respective budgets for that fiscal year.

