

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2653

By Mr. Pina of New Bedford, petition of Ronald A. Pina that cities, towns and school districts be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the instruction and training of children with learning impairments. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REIMBURSING CITIES, TOWNS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING OF CHILDREN WITH CERTAIN LEARNING IMPAIRMENTS.

*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 69 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 29B and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 29B.* One half of the cost of the expenses of the  
5 instruction, training and support of the children in the special  
6 classes or special instruction periods provided under section  
7 forty-six, forty-six A and forty-six H, of chapter seventy-one,  
8 and sections twenty-nine and thirty-two of this chapter actually  
9 rendered or furnished, including their necessary traveling ex-  
10 penses whether daily or otherwise, but not exceeding ordinary  
11 and reasonable compensation therefor, shall be reimbursed to  
12 the towns or any regional school district by the commonwealth  
13 upon approval of the department and certification by it that  
14 such classes or special instruction periods meet the standards  
15 and requirements prescribed by it. The expenses of the instruc-  
16 tion and support of the children in the special classes or special  
17 instruction periods provided under section forty-six K of said  
18 chapter seventy-one, including their necessary traveling ex-  
19 penses whether daily or otherwise, but not exceeding ordinary

20 and reasonable compensation therefor, shall be paid by the  
21 commonwealth. The expenses of the instruction and support of  
22 the children in the special classes or special instruction periods  
23 provided under section forty-six L of said chapter seventy-one,  
24 including their necessary traveling expenses whether daily or  
25 otherwise, but not exceeding ordinary and reasonable compen-  
26 sation therefor, shall be paid by the commonwealth up to an  
27 amount not exceeding three thousand dollars per year per  
28 pupil. The department shall reimburse a city or town in which  
29 resides a child who attends a clinical nursery school established  
30 under section thirteen B of chapter one hundred and twenty-  
31 three or a child who, because of insufficient class room space  
32 in a community clinical nursery school attends a clinical nur-  
33 sery school, day care center or other institution for the care,  
34 education or treatment of retarded children conducted by an  
35 accredited school or college within the commonwealth, as pro-  
36 vided in said section thirteen B, or a retarded person who  
37 attends an educational, habilitational or day care program or  
38 facility of the Department of Mental Health, as provided under  
39 section thirteen C of said chapter one hundred and twenty-  
40 three, by paying to it one half the cost of the transportation of  
41 each such child and the full cost of each such adult to and  
42 from such educational, habilitational or day care program or  
43 facility, as the case may be, on each day it is in session.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended in section 46L by adding at the end thereof the  
3 following paragraph: — The expenses of the instruction and  
4 support of such children therein, actually rendered or fur-  
5 nished, including their necessary traveling expenses, whether  
6 daily or otherwise, but not exceeding ordinary and reasonable  
7 compensation therefor, shall be paid by the commonwealth;  
8 but the parents or guardians of such children, who are able  
9 wholly or in part to provide for their support and care, to the  
10 extent of their ability, may be required by the department to  
11 reimburse the commonwealth therefor.