

By Mr. Bertonazzi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1822) of Louis P. Bertonazzi and David M. Peters for legislation relative to the finances of regional school districts. Education, Arts and Humanities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES.

*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 316 of Chapter 110 of the Acts of 1993, as amended  
2 by Section 117 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby further  
3 amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following sentences: — Any regional school district  
5 which used qualifying revenue amounts in a fiscal year that are  
6 not reasonably projected to be available for use in the next year,  
7 or which will be required to use revenues in the current fiscal year  
8 for extraordinary non-school related expenses for which it did not  
9 have use revenues in the preceding fiscal year, may appeal to the  
10 department of revenue no later than January first, nineteen  
11 hundred and ninety-four for an adjustment to its net school  
12 spending requirement. If the claim is determined to be valid, the  
13 department of revenue shall reduce proportionately the net  
14 spending requirement amount based on the amount of shortfall  
15 in revenue or it shall reduce the current year net school spending  
16 requirement proportionately based on the amount of increase in  
17 extraordinary expenditures in the current fiscal year. Qualifying  
18 revenue amounts shall include but not be limited to extraordinary  
19 amounts of excess and deficiency, surplus, and uncommitted  
20 reserves. Any amount of money expended in fiscal years nineteen  
21 hundred and ninety-two and nineteen hundred and ninety-three  
22 that was taken from excess and deficiency, surplus or uncomit-  
23 ted funds shall be deducted from net school spending requirements  
24 for fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

