HOUSE . . . . No. 1286

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MUNICIPAL REVENUE GROWTH FACTOR.

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

1   "MUNICIPAL REVENUE GROWTH FACTOR", the increase
2 in local general revenues calculated by subtracting one from the
3 quotient calculated by dividing the sum of (1) the maximum levy
4 limit for the fiscal year estimated by multiplying the levy limit of
5 the prior fiscal year by a factor equal to one hundred and two and
6 one-half percent plus the average of the percentage increases in
7 the levy limit due to new growth over the last three available
8 years as certified by the department of revenue, and (2) the
9 amount of general revenue sharing aid for the fiscal year by the
10 sum of (1) the actual levy limit for the prior fiscal year, and (2)
11 the amount of general revenue sharing aid received for the prior
12 fiscal year; provided, however, that for the purposes of this calcu-
13 lation the levy limit shall exclude any amounts generated by over-
14 rides applicable to any year after fiscal year nineteen hundred and
15 ninety-three; and provided, however, that in the absence of an
16 actual levy limit for the prior fiscal year, the actual levy limit for
17 the prior fiscal year shall be estimated by multiplying the actual
18 levy limit of the fiscal year preceding the prior fiscal year by a
19 factor equal to one hundred and two and one-half percent plus the
20 average of the percentage increases in the levy limit due to new
21 growth over the last three available years as certified by the
22 department of revenue; provided, further that in the absence of an
23 actual levy limit for the prior fiscal year, the maximum levy limit
24 for the fiscal year shall be calculated by multiplying the estimated

25 levy limit of the prior fiscal year by a factor equal to one hundred
26 and two and one-half percent plus the average of the percentage
27 increases in the levy limit due to new growth over the last three
28 available years as certified by the department of revenue; pro-
29 vided, further, that said factor shall not be greater than the factor
30 determined by subtracting one from the quotient calculated by
31 dividing total state school aid for the current fiscal year by total
32 state school aid for the prior fiscal year.