

HOUSE No. 2158

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Menino, Shirley Owens-Hicks, John E. McDonough, Kevin W. Fitzgerald, Angelo M. Scaccia, James T. Brett and another relative to reimbursement by the Commonwealth to cities and towns for the cost of alternative education programs for expelled or suspended students. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMONWEALTH'S REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES AND TOWNS FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH EXPELLED OR SUSPENDED.

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

1 The State shall reimburse all cities and towns for the cost of
2 alternative education programs for youth, expelled or suspended,
3 as a result of a breach of either the school district's disciplinary
4 code or the disciplinary provisions of the Education Reform Act,
5 or as a result of violence, weapons possession, or gang-related
6 activities.

7 Such reimbursement shall include, but not be limited to the cost
8 of providing educational instruction, including instruction on vio-
9 lence prevention/conflict resolution, job, or higher education-
10 counseling, and social services support.

