

SENATE No. 253

By Mr. Keating, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 253) of William R. Keating for legislation relative to improving public school enrollment calculations. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CALCULATIONS.

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 definition of "foundation enrollment" as appearing in sec-
2 tion one of chapter seventy of the General Laws is hereby amended
3 by striking out said definition and inserting in place thereof the
4 following definition: —

5 "foundation enrollment", the student enrollment of a district in
6 any fiscal year. The foundation enrollment is defined as the sum
7 of foundation elementary, junior high, senior high, bilingual, and
8 vocational enrollment, plus one-half of the foundation pre-school
9 and kindergarten enrollment.

10 By March first of each calendar year, the department shall esti-
11 mate the foundation enrollment for the next fiscal year by adjust-
12 ing actual enrollment in each category as reported the previous
13 October, by the average of the percent of change between the first
14 and second year, and the percent of change between the second
15 and third year, as computed from the three previous years' actual
16 enrollment figures in that category in the district. If the actual
17 foundation enrollment does not conform to the estimated enroll-
18 ment by November thirtieth of the school year for which the esti-
19 mation was submitted, the municipality shall report the actual
20 figure to the department who shall correct state assistance and
21 foundation budget levels to reflect the actual enrollment.

