

**SENATE . . . . . No. 278**

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 278) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish and administer a budget for special needs education. 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-Seven.

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AN ACT ON BEHALF OF JOSEPH CATALDO, JR. OF FAIRHAVEN TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A BUDGET FOR SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION.

*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 12 of chapter 71B of the General Laws Official 1992  
2 Edition is hereby amended by inserting the following para-  
3 graph:—

4 The State will set aside a special needs students fund for all  
5 special needs students in the Commonwealth.

6 The department of education shall establish and administer a  
7 system of vouchers whereby the cities, towns and regional school  
8 districts will submit vouchers for all special needs students who  
9 have enrolled in their school systems, and be reimbursed for cost  
10 overruns resulting from such transfers.

