

By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 360) of Karen E. Spilka, David Paul Linsky and Tom Sannicandro for legislation relative to public school financing. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCING.

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 1. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Base Aid" and
3 by inserting the following:—

4 "Based Aid" in any fiscal year, shall be the amount of aid dis-
5 tributed to a district pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter in
6 fiscal year 2003.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by the following:

3 Striking out the words "nineteen hundred and ninety-three"
4 under the definition of "Foundation Budget," and inserting instead
5 the following words:— "two thousand and three."

1 SECTION 3. Inserting at the end of the definition of "Founda-
2 tion Enrollment," the following:—

3 ", provided however, that a district anticipating an increase in
4 their Foundation Enrollment should report for the next fiscal year
5 their "Projected Foundation Enrollment," which is defined as their
6 actual enrollment reported the previous October plus the average
7 of the annual increase in actual enrollments as reported in October
8 from the three previous years. If the actual Foundation Enrollment
9 does not conform to the Projected Foundation Enrollment, then
10 the Department of Education shall correct the amount of state aid

11 and foundation budget levels to reflect the actual Foundation
12 Enrollment.

13 Further provided, however, that a district anticipating a
14 decrease in their Foundation Enrollment should report for the next
15 fiscal year their "Projected Foundation Enrollment," which is
16 defined as their actual enrollment reported the previous October
17 plus the average of the annual decrease in actual enrollments as
18 reported in October from the three previous years. If the actual
19 Foundation Enrollment does not conform to the Projected Founda-
20 tion Enrollment, then the Department of Education shall correct
21 the amount of state aid and foundation budget levels to reflect the
22 actual Foundation Enrollment.