

By Ms. Bunte of Boston, petition of Doris Bunte, Melvin H. King and Bill Owens for legislation to establish a procedure for reimbursement to certain schools for the cost of educating certain nonresident students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO CERTAIN SCHOOLS FOR THE COST OF EDUCATING CERTAIN NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS.

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 12A of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by section 7 of chapter 636 of the acts of 1974, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting
4 in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The commonwealth shall, subject to appropriation and upon
6 certification by the board, provide financial assistance in accord-
7 ance with such agreement. Such financial assistance shall include
8 payments for:

- 9 (i) the cost per pupil of educating each non-resident child, as
10 approved by the board; provided that reimbursements to a city,
11 town or regional school district shall be limited by the Board of
12 Education to actual and specifically documented incremental costs
13 incurred as a direct consequence of participation in the program
14 whenever the reimbursements requested by such city, town or
15 regional school district exceed the level of reimbursements received
16 in fiscal year 1977; provided further that the Board of Education
17 shall establish a uniform procedure by which the categories and
18 amounts of incremental costs directly consequent to participation
19 in the program shall be determined and reported by cities, towns
20 and regional school districts; providing further that the Board of

21 Education shall certify to the accuracy of said incremental cost
22 determinations to the committees on ways and means before Sep-
23 tember first, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven; provided further
24 that reimbursements for incremental instructional costs shall in no
25 case exceed the average per-pupil instructional costs, exclusive of
26 administrative costs, for appropriate grade levels as incurred by the
27 school district during the current school year; and provided further
28 that payments to METCO, Inc. shall be made through one disburs-
29 ing agent as designated by the Board of Education and that they be
30 not less than 14% of the non-transportation costs of the program;
31 and provided further that all transportation contracting and opera-
32 tions for the Boston region be conducted by METCO, Inc. and
33 provided further that all coordinators or local directors of the
34 program in the cities, towns and regional school districts which
35 children attend who are residents of Boston shall be hired, super-
36 vised and paid by METCO, Inc. and METCO, Inc. shall be fully
37 reimbursed for such costs by the appropriate city, town and region-
38 al school districts.

39 (ii) the costs of transportation of each such child, as approved
40 by the board.