

HOUSE No. 4953

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 24, 1997.

The committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4904) of Kevin G. Honan relative to transportation costs for students attending charter schools, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4953) ought to pass.

For the committee,

HAROLD M. LANE, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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. Paragraph (ff) of section 89 of chapter 71 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 46 of the Acts
3 of 1997, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and
4 inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:— During
5 fiscal year 1998, any charter school operating pursuant to a
6 charter granted on or before January 1, 1997, whose students are
7 not transported by the host district but by the charter school and
8 would otherwise be eligible for transportation in their home dis-
9 tricts, shall receive the entire average transportation cost per stu-
10 dent amount, as calculated by the Department of Education, for
11 each student receiving such transportation, regardless of the actual
12 transportation costs of such student at such charter school. For all
13 other schools operating pursuant to a charter granted after
14 January 1, 1997, and for all charter schools during fiscal year
15 1999 and thereafter, no charter school shall receive funds for
16 transportation above the amount actually required by the charter
17 school for the provision of transportation services to eligible
18 students.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of October 9, 1997.