

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Lane of Holden, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 4953). November 19, 1997.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

1 Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to effect forthwith the operation of  
3 charter schools, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emer-  
4 gency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
5 convenience.

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 district of residence, but who would be eli-  
8 gible for transportation to and from the charter school based on  
9 the terms and conditions as students attending local district  
10 schools shall receive the entire average transportation cost per stu-  
11 dent amount, as calculated by the department of education, for  
12 each such student, regardless of any transportation costs at such  
13 charter school. For all other schools operating pursuant to a  
14 charger granted after January 1, 1997, and for all charter schools  
15 during fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, no charter school shall  
16 receive funds for transportation above the amount actually  
17 required by the charter school for the provision of transportation  
18 services to eligible students.

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

