

By Mr. Roosevelt of Boston, petition of Mark Roosevelt for legislation to provide services and resources to students, teachers and schools in the Commonwealth. Education, Arts and Humanities.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO EARMARK CHAPTER 70 FUNDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND RESOURCES TO STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 70 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
2 Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1993, is hereby further amended by  
3 inserting after section 9 the following new section: —

4 Section 9A. Notwithstanding any general or specific law to the  
5 contrary, beginning in fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-  
6 five and for all subsequent fiscal years thereafter, each school  
7 district shall spend an amount equal to ten dollars times the total  
8 foundation enrollment for each of the following foundation  
9 budget categories: professional development, books and  
10 equipment, and facilities maintenance. Each subsequent fiscal  
11 year, the amount spent on these categories shall increase by ten  
12 dollars per total foundation enrollment, until the total spent by  
13 the school district on each category reaches the allotments  
14 included in the district's foundation budget for professional  
15 development, books and equipment, and facilities maintenance.

16 For any district with a foundation enrollment of more than one  
17 hundred low income students, as defined by chapter seventy, said  
18 district shall spend the full foundation budget amount for  
19 expanded program allotment, as defined by said chapter seventy,  
20 to provide low income students with mental health and social  
21 support services. Said services shall include, but not be limited  
22 to, the hiring of one mental health and social support professional  
23 for every one hundred low income students to facilitate student

24 participation in mental health and social support services  
25 available to students in the school, school district or the  
26 municipality.

27 The department of education shall notify school districts of the  
28 amounts required to be allocated under this section. No district,  
29 however, shall be required to spend on these items more than the  
30 base aid it receives in any fiscal year.