

HOUSE No. 1965

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and W. Paul White relative to the financing of said authority. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

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 16 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973 is
2 hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph as appearing
3 therein.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding to said Chapter the following new Section:
3 *Section 30.* In any calendar year after calendar year nineteen
4 hundred and seventy-nine, the commonwealth, acting by and
5 through the executive office for administration and finance, shall
6 enter into a contract or contracts with the authority providing that
7 in addition to the contract assistance provided under Section 28 of
8 Chapter 161A of the General Laws, additional financial assistance
9 shall be paid by the commonwealth from the General Fund. The
10 amount of said assistance shall not be assessed upon the cities and
11 towns constituting said authority; provided, however, that the
12 total of the financial assistance provided under this section and the
13 contract assistance provided under said Section 28 in any calendar
14 year shall not be less than 50 per cent of the net cost of service of the
15 authority for such calendar year. Financial Assistance provided by

16 the commonwealth to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Au-
17 thority under this paragraph shall, for assessment purposes, be
18 applied so as to result in reductions to the cost of local service and
19 to the cost of express service in proportion to the percentage each
20 bears to the total cost of said express and local service after the
21 application of contract assistance under said Section 28 to the net
22 cost of express service and the net cost of local service.

1 SECTION 3. In addition to the contract assistance and finan-
2 cial assistance provided under Chapter 161A of the General Laws,
3 the commonwealth, acting by and through the executive office for
4 administration and finance, shall enter into a contract or contracts
5 with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to pay to
6 said authority one hundred percent of the net additional expense of
7 rail service contracted for with the authority by outside communi-
8 ties.