

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, petition of Jay R. Kaufman and other members of the General Court that the Department of Education be authorized to make an investigation and study of the distribution of funds to cities and towns participating in the METCO program. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE STUDY OF DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO CITIES AND TOWNS PARTICIPATING IN THE METCO PROGRAM.

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

1 The department of education shall conduct a study of the for-
2 mula for distribution of funds to cities and towns participating in
3 the METCO program, so-called. Such study shall include, but not
4 be limited to: (a) disparity in reimbursement between individual
5 school districts participating in said METCO program; (b) dis-
6 parity in reimbursement between school districts receiving reim-
7 bursement pursuant to said METCO program and districts
8 receiving reimbursement from the charter school program pur-
9 suant to section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws and the
10 school choice program pursuant to section 12B of chapter 76 of
11 the General Laws; (c) recommendations, if any, for improving the
12 reimbursement formula, including the fiscal impact of such rec-
13 ommendations. A report of the results of such study shall be filed
14 with the joint committee on education, arts, and humanities and
15 the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than
16 six months after enactment.

