

By Mrs. Padula, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1204) of Mary L. Padula, Peter C. Webber, David H. Locke, Henri S. Rauschenbach and Brian P. Lees for legislation relative to the funding and implementation of state mandated programs. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT TO FURTHER DEFINE STATE MANDATES.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
2 whenever a state mandated program has been deemed the
3 financial responsibility of the Commonwealth by the Auditor of
4 the Commonwealth but the Commonwealth does not meet the full
5 financial commitment for said program, the several cities and
6 towns shall not be required to implement said mandated program.

7 Further, in the event that a state mandated program remains
8 unfunded to the full level of obligation by the state for a period
9 of two fiscal years or more, the statute creating said mandated
10 program shall be rendered null and void.

11 This action, however, shall in no way absolve the Common-
12 wealth of financial obligation it may already have made, but failed
13 to keep, to any of the several cities and towns of the
14 Commonwealth.

