

2025-2026 Legislative Agenda



H.3380/S.2104 | *An Act to Strengthen the Taxpayer Protection Act*

Lead Sponsors: Rep. David LeBoeuf (D- Worcester) | Sen. Michael Brady (D- Brockton)

Under current law, the Taxpayer Protection Act (also known as the Pacheco Law), requires a detailed cost analysis before privatization of government services. This law, enacted in 1993, mandates that any proposed privatization must demonstrate cost savings to taxpayers, ensuring that such decisions are financially beneficial, while at the same time attempting to maintain fair employment standards when a government service is privatized.

This bill provides improvements to the Taxpayer Protection Act to ensure that residents of Massachusetts will not be gouged by an unwise privatization effort. This bill will:

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- **Improve Enforcement:** by codifying the Attorney General's authority to enforce violations of the law.
 - **Protect Public Education:** by expanding these core taxpayer protections to school districts and education collaboratives.
 - **Account for Hidden Costs:** by reviewing accounting procedures to include all costs to the public associated with a privatization effort, such as future fees or price increases, which are currently not calculated as a cost of a privatization contract.
 - **Safeguard Use of Tuition:** by prohibiting predatory contracts that siphon profit from student tuition, as is happening now within online program management contracts.
 - **Review Contracts at Renewal:** by requiring financial and performance audits before renewing a privatization agreement to ensure that the private service will continue to provide cost savings for the term of the renewed contract.

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