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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PRESENTED BY:

## Alan Silvia

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide targeted pre-k education to all four year old children meeting specific requirements in all gateway cities (26).

### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Alan Silvia	7th Bristol	1/15/2015
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	12/27/2019
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	12/27/2019
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	12/27/2019
Carole A. Fiola	6th Bristol	12/27/2019
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol	12/27/2019
Jose F. Tosado	9th Hampden	12/27/2019
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	12/27/2019
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex	12/27/2019
Antonio F. D. Cabral	13th Bristol	12/27/2019
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	12/27/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	12/27/2019
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	12/27/2019
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol	12/27/2019
Leah Cole	12th Essex	12/27/2019
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	12/27/2019
Diana DiZoglio	14th Essex	12/27/2019

Frank A. Moran	17th Essex	12/27/2019
Carlos Gonzalez	10th Hampden	12/27/2019

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By Mr. Silvia of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3402) of Alan Silvia and others for legislation to provide pre-kindergarten education to four year old children meeting specific requirements in gateway municipalities. Education.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act to provide targeted pre-k education to all four year old children meeting specific requirements in all gateway cities (26).

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 13 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13 the

2 following section:-

3 Section 13A. (a) The board and department shall develop a program for universal pre-

4 kindergarten education in gateway municipalities, as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A,

5 which shall be available to all children ages 4 and older who reside in a gateway municipality

6 and would be eligible for free or reduced price lunch if the child attended a public school;

7 provided, that the program may be available to children ages 3 and older who otherwise meet the

8 requirements of this subsection.

9 (b) In developing the program, the board and department shall: (1) establish a
10 standardized pre-kindergarten curriculum for all program participants; (2) partner with current
11 providers of pre-kindergarten services in gateway communities, who shall include, but is not

limited to, public, private, and faith-based educational programs; and (3) focus on the specific
cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, cultural, and physical needs of the children in each
gateway municipality.

(c) Each child who qualifies for the universal pre-kindergarten program established by
this section shall be counted as a student of the school district in which the child attends the prekindergarten program, and shall be included as such a student for the purposes of calculating that
district's funding pursuant to chapter 70.

(d) The board and department shall provide vouchers to eligible households as necessaryto fully implement the universal pre-kindergarten education program established by this section.

21 (e) The board shall adopt regulations relative to the requirements of this section.