

HOUSE No. 4406

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to vocational education..

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 Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
2 all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

3 The commissioner of elementary and secondary education is hereby authorized to
4 approve the establishment of a pilot vocational-technical education program in criminal justice
5 by the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. The purpose of the
6 pilot program is to determine the feasibility and cost of establishing criminal justice as a
7 vocational-technical education program pursuant to chapter 74 of the General Laws. Students
8 enrolled in the pilot program will be considered to be enrolled in an approved vocational-
9 technical education program for all purposes except for the purposes of funding under chapter 70
10 of the General Laws. The qualifications of the teachers are subject to approval by the
11 commissioner. The department of elementary and secondary education will report its
12 recommendations regarding the feasibility and costs of establishing criminal justice as a
13 vocational-technical education program under chapter 74 of the General Laws to the general
14 court by June 30, 2013.