

SENATE No. 2579

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Ten

An Act relative to augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, the board of elementary and secondary education shall update 603 CMR 7.06(25)(d) to
3 require an approved program for teachers of students with moderate disabilities to include
4 instruction on the appropriate use of augmentative and alternative communication and other
5 assistive technologies.

6 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
7 contrary, the board of elementary and secondary education shall update 603 CMR
8 7.06(26)(b)(12) to require an approved program for teachers of students with severe disabilities
9 to also include instruction on the appropriate use of augmentative and alternative communication
10 and other assistive technologies.