

SENATE No. 584

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 relative to nursing school articulation agreements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Michael O. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 584) of Michael O. Moore, Michael R. Knapik, Cory Atkins, Karen E. Spilka and others for legislation relative to nursing school articulation between degree granting programs of state and community colleges of the Commonwealth. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3900 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to nursing school articulation agreements.

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. Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 21. There is hereby established a program of articulation agreement among
4 associate and baccalaureate degree nursing education programs. Such formal articulation
5 agreements shall mandate credit transfers between the commonwealth's community colleges and
6 the state colleges and university nursing programs. Such agreements are meant to assist in the
7 admission of graduates from approved associate degree programs into baccalaureate programs
8 offered by such state institutions. Articulation agreements shall be negotiated and developed
9 through state wide collaboration among nurse educators, college admission administrators, the
10 Board of Higher Education, the Boards of Nursing and other interested public sector leaders.
11 Such formal credit transfers shall be approved by the board of higher education and shall allow
12 for the transfer of not less than 60 credit hours transfer and not more than 72 credit hours of
13 which at least 42 credit hours shall be within nursing core courses. Nursing programs subject to
14 the approved mandated articulation agreements shall be prohibited from arbitrarily increasing
15 overall total credit hours for program completion and shall not exceed standard 128 hours unless

- 16 approved by the board of higher education. Such articulation agreements shall be renewable to
17 help ensure equivalency between community college and state/university courses.