

**SENATE . . . . . No. 252**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sonia Chang-Diaz***

*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 accelerate student success through expanded learning time.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 252) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jason M. Lewis, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Mary S. Keefe and other members of the General Court for legislation to accelerate student success through expanded learning time. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to accelerate student success through expanded learning time.

*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 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Official 2012 edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “expanded program allotment” the  
3 following:-

4           “Expanded learning time program allotment”, the amount allotted within a district’s  
5 foundation budget for providing approved expanded learning time to students; provided that, the  
6 expanded learning time program allotment shall be added to a district’s foundation budget if (i) a  
7 school or schools in the district serves students in the elementary and/or middle grades; (ii) has  
8 enrollment of greater than seventy per cent of low-income students; (iii)(a) the elementary or  
9 middle school or schools have a minimum of 1,200 annual instructional hours and 1,290 annual  
10 instructional hours respectively on a mandatory basis for all enrolled students or (b) a school  
11 provides a minimum of 1,200 instructional hours for all students in the elementary grades and/or  
12 a minimum of 1,290 of instructional hours for all students in the middle grades within a K-8

13 school; (iv) the additional time is spent on an appropriate mix of (a) core academics; (b)  
14 programming that broadens students' skills and educational opportunities, such as, music, art,  
15 sports, health and wellness programs, project-based experiential learning, apprenticeships ; and  
16 (c) additional time for teacher collaboration and professional development; (v) the school or  
17 schools have a performance agreement in good standing with the department of elementary and  
18 secondary education; and (vi) the school or schools has received initial funding through line-item  
19 7061-9412 in the state's annual appropriations act; provided further, the department may put a  
20 priority on funding schools with middle grades, as appropriations necessitate; provided further,  
21 the expanded learning time program allotment shall be determined by multiplying the number of  
22 pupils enrolled in district schools providing at least 1,200 annual instructional hours at the  
23 elementary level and 1,290 annual instructional hours by the wage adjustment factor by thirteen  
24 hundred dollars; provided further, districts with schools with performance agreements in good  
25 standing with the department of elementary and secondary education funded through line-item  
26 7061-9412 in Section 2 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014 shall be funded for the expanded  
27 learning time program allotment;

28 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said Chapter 70 is hereby amended by inserting, after the  
29 words "expanded program allotment" in paragraph three, the following:-

30 , expanded learning time program allotment,

31 SECTION 3. Section 89 of Chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting,  
32 subsection (ff), paragraph two, after the words "nor any amount generated by said assumed  
33 enrollment," the following:-

34 and the expanded learning time program allotment, nor any amount amounts generated  
35 by said expanded learning time program allotment.

36 SECTION 4. Said Section 89 is hereby amended by, in subsection (ff), by inserting at the  
37 end thereof the following new paragraph:-

38 The department shall, subject to appropriation, provide per pupil expanded learning time  
39 program funding as part of the charter tuition amount; provided that the expanded learning time  
40 program allotment shall only be added to the charter tuition amount for charter schools if (i)  
41 greater than 70 per cent of students enrolled in the charter school are low-income; (ii) the charter  
42 school provides at least 1,200 hours of instruction annually at the elementary school level and  
43 1,290 hours of instruction annually at the middle school level to all enrolled students; and (iii)  
44 the charter school has an approved expanded learning time performance agreement in good  
45 standing with the department; provided further, the expanded learning time program allotment  
46 shall be determined by multiplying the number of pupils enrolled in the charter school by the  
47 wage adjustment factor by thirteen hundred dollars.