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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 providing pre-k education for 4 year-old children in gateway communities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Alan Silvia	*7th Bristol*	*1/17/2019*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*	*1/24/2019*
Carole A. Fiola	*6th Bristol*	*1/18/2019*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*	*1/18/2019*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*	*1/28/2019*
Carlos González	*10th Hampden*	*2/1/2019*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/2/2019*
Stephan Hay	*3rd Worcester*	*1/30/2019*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Aaron Vega	*5th Hampden*	*1/31/2019*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*2/1/2019*

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By Mr. Silvia of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3761) of Alan Silvia and others relative to universal pre-kindergarten education in gateway municipalities. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act providing pre-k education for 4 year-old children in gateway communities.

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

Chapter 13 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13 the following section:-

Section 13A. (a) The board and department shall develop a program for universal pre-kindergarten education in gateway municipalities, as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A, which shall be available to all children ages 4 and older (and may be made available to children ages 3 and older) who reside in a gateway municipality and would be eligible for free or reduced price lunch if the child attended a public school.

(b) In developing the program, the board and department shall: (i) establish a standardized pre-kindergarten curriculum for all program participants; (ii) partner with current providers of pre-kindergarten services in gateway communities; and (iii) 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 pre-kindergarten 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 shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the requirements of this section.