

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 537**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David K. Muradian, Jr.***

*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 concerning early college and financing efforts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

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By Mr. Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 537) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and others for legislation to authorize school districts to offer early college planning and financing programs. Education.

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

An Act concerning early college and financing efforts.

*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 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 36 the following section:-

3 Section 37. The department of elementary and secondary education may allow local  
4 school districts to permit school and guidance counselors within their districts, counseling to  
5 high school juniors and seniors relative to early college planning and financing efforts. This  
6 instruction shall include, but is not limited, to the following topics of early college planning:  
7 understanding educational loan terms and repayment process; the mechanics of borrowing  
8 money; how interest accrues; the use of credit and the impact of debt on credit worthiness.

9 The department may identify and provide information to each school district on cost-  
10 effective methods to ensure school and guidance counselors receive adequate training relative to  
11 financial aid counseling.