

HOUSE No. 5055

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 28, 2022.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill relative to the educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency (House, No. 4541), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 5055).

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to address educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a student with an
2 individualized education plan who has attained the age of 22 during the 2019 novel coronavirus
3 pandemic and who has experienced skill or knowledge loss or lack of effective progress due to
4 delayed, interrupted, suspended or inaccessible individual education plan services because of the
5 suspension of in-person education shall be entitled to compensatory services in a manner
6 consistent with federal and state laws and regulations governing special education services for
7 students under the age of 22.