

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 555**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel Cahill*

*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 school counselors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 555) of Daniel Cahill that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education be authorized to oversee a school counselors pilot program in certain municipalities. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 420 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to school counselors.

*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 the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the
- 2 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) shall oversee a school counselors
- 3 pilot program in Gateway Municipalities, as defined in Chapter 23A Section 3A, that adheres to
- 4 the Massachusetts Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs that ensures all pre-K
- 5 to grade 12 students will receive school counseling services from licensed school counselors.
- 6 The school counselor pilot program shall provide one (1) school counselor for a maximum of
- 7 two hundred fifty (250) students in participating pilot programs.