

HOUSE No. 560

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin and Gerard J. Cassidy

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 establishing a gateway low income student trust fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 560

By Representatives Cronin of Easton and Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 560) of Claire D. Cronin, Gerard J. Cassidy and others for legislation to establish a gateway low income student trust fund for certain school districts impacted by the change in the low-income enrollment measurement in the foundation budget. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 423 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing a gateway low income student trust fund.

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

1 Chapter 29, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 2CCCCC the following section:-

3 Section 2DDDDD. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 commonwealth a separate fund, to be known as the Gateway Low Income Student Trust Fund,
5 hereinafter referred to as the Gateway LIST Fund. The Gateway LIST Fund shall be
6 administered and expended by the department of early and secondary education. The Gateway
7 LIST Fund shall provide grants to school districts that are located in a gateway municipality, as
8 defined in section 3A of chapter 23A, and whose chapter 70 aid and tuition revenue are
9 significantly and negatively impacted by the change in low-income enrollment measurement.

10 (b) The Gateway LIST Fund shall consist of: (i) revenue from appropriations or other
11 monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the Gateway
12 LIST Fund; and (ii) funds from public or private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts,
13 grants, donations, rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth that are specifically
14 designated to be credited to the Gateway LIST Fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be
15 subject to further appropriation and monies remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
16 not revert to the General Fund.

17 (c) Annually, not later than December 1, the commissioner of early and secondary
18 education shall report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs
19 of the house and senate committees on ways and means: (i) an accounting of money received by
20 the Gateway LIST Fund and the sources of that money; (ii) an accounting of grants made to
21 school districts; (iii) the amount of any unexpended balance; and (iv) projected grants for the
22 coming fiscal year.