

SENATE No. 2751

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, March 10, 2022.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 282) of Michael J. Barrett, Jack Patrick Lewis, Thomas M. Stanley, Paul F. Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation to address the needs of students with disabilities turning 22 during the COVID-19 emergency; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 321) of Diana DiZoglio, Kimberly N. Ferguson, Hannah Kane and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to school services for certain 22 year-old students, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2751).

For the committee,
Jason M. Lewis

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An Act addressing the needs of students with disabilities turning 22 during the COVID-19 emergency.

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 COVID-19 pandemic
3 and who has experienced skill or knowledge loss or lack of effective progress due to delayed,
4 interrupted, suspended, or inaccessible individualized 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.