

SENATE No. 282

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (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. Education.

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

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 SECTION 1. The second sentence of subsection (a) of section 5A of chapter 71B of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word “chapter” the following words:- ; provided that said program shall also reimburse
4 municipalities for the eligible instructional costs associated with providing compensatory special
5 education services for students who turn 22 or who otherwise become ineligible for special
6 education services in the period between the governor’s declaration of a state of emergency due
7 to COVID-19 on March 10, 2020 and three months after the date that the governor gives notice
8 that the state of emergency has ended, provided further that municipalities may be reimbursed
9 for the eligible costs associated with providing compensatory special education services for said
10 students for a period of time up to two years following the notice that the state of emergency has
11 ended.

12 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of said section 5A of said chapter 71B of the General Laws,
13 as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- “Instructional costs” shall
14 also include those costs directly attributable to providing compensatory special education
15 services for students who turn 22 or who otherwise become ineligible for special education
16 services in the period between the governor’s declaration of a state of emergency due to COVID-
17 19 on March 10, 2020 and three months after the date that the governor gives notice that the state
18 of emergency has ended, provided that municipalities may be reimbursed for the eligible costs
19 associated with providing compensatory special education services for said students for a period
20 of time up to two years following the notice that the state of emergency has ended.