

SENATE No. 308

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin

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 for equitable workforce development .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John J. Cronin

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 308) of John Cronin for legislation for equitable workforce development. Education.

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

An Act for equitable workforce development .

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. Chapter 74 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 5B the following section:-

3 Section 5C. (a) If there are more spaces available than eligible applicants from the city or
4 town in which the vocational-technical education is located, the school shall hold a lottery to
5 determine which of the applicants shall be admitted. The school shall place the students who
6 entered the lottery but were not admitted on a waitlist, the order of which shall be determined by
7 the lottery. The waitlist shall include the names, home address, telephone number and grade level
8 of such students and any other information the department deems necessary. The school shall
9 forward the waitlist to the department of education not later than June 1 in the year in which the
10 lottery is held. The department shall maintain a consolidated waitlist for each municipality in
11 order to determine the number of individual students in each city or town seeking admission
12 to approved vocational-technical education schools.

13 (b) If a student stops attending vocational-technical education for any reason,
14 the school providing said vocational-technical education shall fill the vacancy with the next
15 available student on the waitlist for the grade in which the vacancy occurs and shall continue
16 through the waitlist until a student fills the vacant seat. If there is no waitlist or if there is no
17 available student on the waitlist for the grade in which the vacancy occurred, the approved
18 vocational technical education shall publicize an open seat and make attempts to fill said vacant
19 seat.

20 (c) The commissioner shall collect data on the racial, ethnic and socio-economic make-up
21 of the student enrollment of each charter school in the commonwealth. The commissioner shall
22 also collect data on the number of students enrolled in each vocational technical education
23 program who have individual education plans pursuant to chapter 71B and those requiring
24 English learner programs under chapter 71A. The commissioner shall file said data annually with
25 the clerks of the house and senate and the joint committee on education not later than December
26 1.

27 (d) The board shall promulgate regulations for implementation and enforcement of this
28 section.