

**SENATE . . . . . No. 350**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Eric P. Lesser*

*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 to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/13/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 350) of Eric P. Lesser, Rebecca L. Rausch and Carol A. Doherty for legislation to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 304 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities.

*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 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2018 edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 9B the following new section:-

3 Section 9C. The department shall administer the Access College Early (ACE) Program,  
4 subject to appropriation, providing needs-based financial assistance for high school students  
5 eligible for the Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP). Such assistance shall be  
6 granted to students living in or attending high school in a gateway municipality, as defined in  
7 section 3A of chapter 23A, and who also qualify for or receive free or reduced-price lunch under  
8 the federally-funded school meals program. Students receiving financial assistance under the  
9 ACE Program will participate in CDEP at no cost and may earn up to 24 college credits.