

SENATE No. 854

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 relative to remedial course vouchers for students impacted by COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 854) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to remedial course vouchers for students impacted by COVID-19. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to remedial course vouchers for students impacted by COVID-19.

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 department of higher education shall provide all currently enrolled
2 public school students with a voucher for the cost of one year of remedial courses at a state or
3 community college listed in section 5 of chapter 15A or vocational-technical education school
4 defined in chapter 74. For the purposes of this section, “remedial course” shall mean an entry-
5 level college course designed to bring students to an academic level of performance needed to
6 succeed in college and the workforce, including, but not limited to, subjects on math, reading,
7 writing, vocational skills, career readiness, and personal finance. Remedial courses shall not
8 carry academic credits.

9 SECTION 2. The department shall develop and implement a voucher distribution plan in
10 accordance with this act within six months of its passage and subject to appropriation.