

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 487**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carlos González*

*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 establishing the gateway city public school driver education program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>6/5/2023</i>

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By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 487) of Carlos González, Bud L. Williams and Michelle M. DuBois relative to establishing the gateway city public school driver education program. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to establishing the gateway city public school driver education program.

*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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 2QQQQQ the following section:-

3 Section 2RRRRR. There shall be established and set up on the books of the  
4 commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Gateway City Public School Driver Education  
5 Trust Fund, administered by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education. There  
6 shall be credited to the fund all fees collected and designated to the fund under paragraph (21) of  
7 section 33 of chapter 90, any appropriations, grants, gifts or other monies authorized by the  
8 general court or other parties and specifically designated to be credited to the fund and any  
9 income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the fund. All amounts credited to the  
10 fund may be expended, subject to appropriation, provided that all unexpended balances  
11 remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and may

12 be appropriated for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. Expenditures from the fund shall  
13 be used for the implementation of section 13D 1/2 of chapter 71.

14 SECTION 2. Paragraph (21) of section 33 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby  
15 amended by adding the following sentence:-

16 A sum equal to 1 per cent of the fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be  
17 transferred to the gateway city public school driver education trust fund, established under  
18 section 2RRRRR of chapter 29.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
20 section 13D the following section:-

21 Section 13D 1/2. There shall be a gateway city public school driver education program  
22 for providing affordable access to motor vehicle driver education to students from low-income  
23 communities in the commonwealth. The program shall be administered by the department.

24 A public high school located in a gateway municipality, as defined by section 3A of  
25 chapter 23A, may offer a motor vehicle driver education course, in accordance with section 13D,  
26 during the regular school day or evening as an elective course. Participants of the course shall be  
27 residents of a gateway municipality.

28 Expenditures from the gateway city public school driver education trust fund, established  
29 under section 2RRRRR of chapter 29, shall be made to reduce tuition fees or provide tuition at  
30 no cost to participants in the program.