

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 445**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Manny Cruz and Andres X. Vargas*

*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 access to computer science coursework.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>

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By Representatives Cruz of Salem and Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 445) of Manny Cruz, Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to expand access to computer science coursework in public schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act to expand access to computer science coursework.

*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 71 of the General Laws is amended by inserting after section 99 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 100. Computer Science Education

4 (a) Every public high school in the commonwealth shall offer at least one foundational  
5 computer science course and ensure that every student has the capacity to access such course  
6 within a four-year course of study.

7 (b) A foundational computer science course offered pursuant to this section shall include  
8 rigorous mathematical or scientific concepts and be consistent with standards adopted by the  
9 board of elementary and secondary education.

10 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect for the school year beginning after July 1, 2025.