

**SENATE . . . . . No. 277**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

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*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.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Barry R. Finegold*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 277) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to expand access to computer science coursework. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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