

SENATE No. 297

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 297) of Edward J. Kennedy and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 350 OF 2021-2022.]

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

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 2020 edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 9B the following new section:-

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