

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4320**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Frank A. Moran and Adam J. Scanlon***

*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 establishing a vocational admissions task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>
<i>John Francis Moran</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth P. Swezey</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Kelly A. Dooner</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>

<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2025</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2025</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Steven J. Ouellette</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>4/24/2025</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2025</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>4/10/2025</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/14/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>4/14/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>4/16/2025</i>
<i>Meghan K. Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>4/24/2025</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>5/19/2025</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>5/20/2025</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>6/3/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>7/7/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>9/9/2025</i>
<i>Justin Thurber</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>3/3/2026</i>

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By Representatives Moran of Lawrence and Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran, Adam J. Scanlon and others for legislation to establish a special task force (including members of the General Court) to review and report on vocational admissions policies. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing a vocational admissions task force.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a  
2 Vocational Admissions Task Force to examine and make recommendations on (1) Chapter 74  
3 admissions policies, (2) the collection, dissemination, and analysis of district-level and statewide  
4 data on Chapter 74 admissions and waitlists, and (3) the standard for review and enforcement of  
5 said policies and data.

6           SECTION 2. The task force shall consist of 15 members: the house and senate chairs of  
7 the joint committee on education, or their designees, who shall serve as the co-chairs of the task  
8 force; the task force shall also consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on  
9 labor and workforce development, a member of the general court appointed by the senate  
10 minority leader; a member of the general court appointed by the house minority leader; the  
11 commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or a designee, 1 member appointed by the  
12 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA), 1 member appointed by the

13 Alliance for Vocational Technical Education (AVTE), 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts  
14 Career & Technical Educators Organization (MassCTE), 1 member appointed by the  
15 Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), 1 member appointed by the  
16 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), 1 member appointed by the  
17 Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS), 1 member of the Gateway Cities  
18 Legislative Caucus, and 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association  
19 (MMA).

20 SECTION 3. The first meeting of the task force shall take place within 60 days of the  
21 effective date of this act. The task force shall conduct at least one public hearing to receive  
22 testimony from members of the public. The task force shall file a report containing its findings  
23 and recommendations, including legislative recommendations, if any, with the clerks of the  
24 house and senate not later than 12 months following the first meeting of the task force. The  
25 Department of Elementary Education shall not promulgate or otherwise amend its regulations  
26 relative to Chapter 74 admissions prior to the completion of the task force's report, nor shall the  
27 Department take any other action prior to the completion of the task force's report that would  
28 otherwise alter, amend, or affect the admissions policies of Chapter 74 schools and programs for  
29 the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 admission cycles or school years. Any regulatory, policy, or  
30 enforcement action taken by the Department relative to Chapter 74 admissions policies between  
31 March 12, 2025 and the release of the task force report shall be deemed to be in violation of this  
32 Section.

33 SECTION 4. This act shall be effective upon passage.