

HOUSE No. 5012

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle L. Badger

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 students accessing food and nutritional information.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/5/2026</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/7/2026</i>
<i>Joshua Tarsky</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/7/2026</i>
<i>Meghan K. Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2026</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/22/2026</i>

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By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger and Joan B. Lovely relative to student access to food and nutritional information. Higher Education.

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

An Act relative to students accessing food and nutritional information.

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 hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 Section 102. Any public, private or charter school in the commonwealth, prekindergarten
4 to grade 12, inclusive, shall list on their website, in a centralized and easily accessible section,
5 comprehensive food and nutritional information for students who require medically restricted
6 diets, including students with celiac disease or food allergies. The website shall include, but not
7 be limited to, the following information:

8 (i) policies and procedures for safe food handling of gluten-free and allergen-free meals;

9 (ii) monthly gluten-free and allergen-free menus and nutritional information;

10 (iii) instructions for enrollment and access to these meals;

11 (iv) contact information for food service personnel; and

(v) contact information for disability and accessibility services.

SECTION 2. Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 21. Any public institution of higher education, established in section 5 of chapter 15A, or private institution of higher education in the commonwealth shall list on their website, in a centralized and easily accessible section, comprehensive food and nutritional information for students who require medically restricted diets, including students with celiac disease or food allergies. The website shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(i) policies and procedures for safe food handling of gluten-free and allergen-free meals;

(ii) monthly gluten-free and allergen-free menus and nutritional information;

(iii) instructions for enrollment and access to these meals;

(iv) contact information for food service personnel; and

(v) contact information for disability and accessibility services.