

HOUSE No. 522

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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 compulsory full-day kindergarten.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 522) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to compulsory full-day kindergarten. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 435 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to compulsory full-day kindergarten.

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. Section 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 117-120, inclusive, the twenty-first
3 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

4 The board shall establish the permissible and mandatory ages for school attendance
5 provided that each child be required to attend a full-day educational program at kindergarten age.

6 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
7 amended by inserting after the word “education”, in line 2, the following words:

8 “and any child enrolled in full-day kindergarten”