

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 578**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul K. Frost*

*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 vocational and trade school classes for public school students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 578) of Paul K. Frost relative to vocational and trade school classes for public school students. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 479 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to vocational and trade school classes for public school students.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 74 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 7C the following new Section:-

3 Section 7D. Non-vocational and trade public high schools and middle schools may  
4 provide vocational and trade learning for students who are unable to attend a regional vocational  
5 school. This provision shall be optional at the local level. This provision is meant for those  
6 students who (i) are not accepted into a dedicated vocational and trade school or program; (ii)  
7 left a vocational school or trade school; and (iii) live in the public school’s district. The  
8 Department of Education shall provide guidance on such learning and develop a waiver program  
9 to allow schools and students this opportunity.