

HOUSE No. 588

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 establishing the gateway city public school driver education program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 588) of Carlos González relative to establishing the gateway city public school driver education program. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 487 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to establishing the gateway city public school driver education program.

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 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2DDDDDD the following section:-

3 Section 2EEEEEE. There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Gateway City Public School Driver Education
5 Trust Fund, administered by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education. There
6 shall be credited to the fund all fees collected and designated to the fund under paragraph (21) of
7 section 33 of chapter 90, any appropriations, grants, gifts or other monies authorized by the
8 general court or other parties and specifically designated to be credited to the fund and any
9 income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the fund. All amounts credited to the
10 fund may be expended, subject to appropriation, provided that all unexpended balances

11 remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and may
12 be appropriated for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. Expenditures from the fund shall
13 be used for the implementation of section 13D 1/2 of chapter 71.

14 SECTION 2. Paragraph (21) of section 33 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby
15 amended by adding the following sentence:-

16 A sum equal to 1 per cent of the fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be
17 transferred to the gateway city public school driver education trust fund, established under
18 section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
20 section 13D the following section:-

21 Section 13D 1/2. There shall be a gateway city public school driver education program
22 for providing affordable access to motor vehicle driver education to students from low-income
23 communities in the commonwealth. The program shall be administered by the department.

24 A public high school located in a gateway municipality, as defined by section 3A of
25 chapter 23A, may offer a motor vehicle driver education course, in accordance with section 13D,
26 during the regular school day or evening as an elective course. Participants of the course shall be
27 residents of a gateway municipality.

28 Expenditures from the gateway city public school driver education trust fund, established
29 under section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29, shall be made to reduce tuition fees or provide tuition at
30 no cost to participants in the program.