

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 629**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jack Patrick Lewis***

*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 expanding student access to the state seal of biliteracy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/7/2025</i>

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By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 629) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to expanding student access to the state seal of biliteracy for students who have attained a high level of proficiency in English. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act expanding student access to the state seal of biliteracy.

*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 1Q of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended in line 10 by inserting after the word “System” the following words- “or other
- 3 assessment or equivalent alternative that the board shall establish”