

HOUSE No. 721

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chynah Tyler

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 to assesses school integration within the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 721) of Chynah Tyler relative to the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to reassess school integration within the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 589 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act to assesses school integration within the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) 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 (a) There shall be a special legislative commission established pursuant to section 2A of
2 chapter 4 of the General Laws to reassess school integration within the Metropolitan Council for
3 Educational Opportunity program, hereinafter called the METCO program.

4 The commission shall consist of 13 members: 2 of whom shall be the chairs of the joint
5 committee on education or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 of whom shall be
6 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives or a designee; 1 of whom shall be
7 appointed by the president of the senate or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the minority leader of
8 the house of representatives or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the minority leader of the senate
9 or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of education or a designee; 1 of whom shall be

10 the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the
11 president of the Black Educators Alliance of Massachusetts, Inc. or a designee; 1 of whom shall
12 be the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People New
13 England Area Conference or a designee; and 3 of whom shall be appointed by the governor and
14 shall be former participants in the METCO program.

15 The commission shall evaluate the historical impact of the METCO program in the
16 commonwealth and make recommendations to the general court regarding school integration and
17 improvements to the program.

18 (b) The commission shall convene beginning not later than 180 days after the effective
19 date of this act and meet not fewer than 4 times. The commission shall submit its findings and
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, by filing the same with the clerks of the
21 house of representatives and senate and the governor not later than 1 year after the effective date
22 of this act.