

HOUSE No. 745

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marcus S. Vaughn

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 establishing a grant program for school connectivity.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/8/2025</i> |

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By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 745) of Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation to establish a grant program for school connectivity to upgrade cellular connectivity in school districts. Education.

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

An Act establishing a grant program for school connectivity.

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 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section :-

3 Section 100. (a) The department of elementary and secondary education, hereafter called
4 the department, shall establish a grant program, subject to appropriation, to be known as the
5 school connectivity grant program. The grants shall be distributed with the purposes of
6 upgrading cellular connectivity in the commonwealth’s school districts.

7 (b) The department shall award school connectivity grants to school districts that apply
8 for grant funding in the form and manner set forth by the commissioner.

9 SECTION 2. Not later than two years after the passage of this act, the department shall
10 conduct a study and report on the school connectivity grant program. The report shall include (i)
11 The impact and effectiveness of grant funds in applicant school districts, and (ii)
12 recommendations for improvements in distribution of grant funds. The department shall file the

- 13 report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate
- 14 committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on education.