

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Danillo A. Sena

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 language education grant program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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

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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 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 67. (a) The department of education, hereinafter referred to as the department,
3 shall establish a grant program, subject to appropriation, to be known as the language education
4 grant program for the purpose of providing grants to assist school districts, Horace Mann and
5 commonwealth charter schools with the development of expanded world language, second
6 language, heritage language, and English language learner education programs in schools. The
7 grants shall be used to help students succeed academically and increase access to language
8 education. The grants shall also encourage voluntary expansion of existing foreign language
9 programs in the commonwealth. The department shall develop guidelines governing the grant
10 program and guidelines for implementation of said program.

11 (b) Applicants shall be commonwealth school districts, Horace Mann and commonwealth
12 charter schools.

13 (c) The commissioner shall evaluate annually programs established under this section
14 including the potential for replicating such programs throughout the commonwealth. The
15 commissioner shall also provide technical assistance to school districts seeking to replicate
16 programs funded under said section.