

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam J. Scanlon*

*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 preserve local control of Chapter 74 admissions policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>

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

An Act to preserve local control of Chapter 74 admissions policies.

*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. Section 1 of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in line 9, the following words:-

3 “conditions of admission of student,”

4 SECTION 2. Section 7 of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “board,” in line 8, the following  
6 words:-

7 “provided that such admission would be in accordance with requirements for admission  
8 established pursuant to Section 3 and Section 59 of this chapter,”

9 SECTION 3. Section 5 of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following words:-

11 “Requirements for admission to an independent vocational-technical school established  
12 pursuant to Section 4 of this chapter shall be determined by the district trustees for such an

13 independent vocational-technical school. Changes to duly established requirements for  
14 admission to such an independent vocational-technical school shall be made by a majority vote  
15 of the district trustees and may be made only after at least one public hearing , held at least thirty  
16 days after the proposed change to admission requirements has been made public, and at which  
17 the public may offer remarks. Notice of the time and place of said public hearing, and of the  
18 availability for review of the proposed change to admission requirements shall be provided to  
19 each person who has previously requested the receipt of such notices from the district trustees, as  
20 well as to individuals and organizations known to the district trustees to have an interest in issues  
21 related to vocational-technical education.”

22 SECTION 4. Chapter 74 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding a new  
23 section:-

24 Section 59. (a) Requirements for admission to a vocational-technical school established  
25 pursuant to Section 3 of this chapter shall be determined by the board of trustees for the  
26 vocational-technical school or, if there is no such board of trustees, the school committee of the  
27 municipality. Changes to duly established requirements for admission to such a vocational-  
28 technical school shall be made by a majority vote of the district trustees and may be made only  
29 after at least one public hearing, held at least thirty days after the proposed change to admission  
30 requirements has been made public, and at which the public may offer remarks. Notice of the  
31 time and place of said public hearing, and of the availability for review of the proposed change to  
32 admission requirements shall be provided to each person who has previously requested the  
33 receipt of such notices from the board of trustees for the vocational-technical school or, if there  
34 is no such board of trustees, the school committee, as well as to individuals and organizations  
35 known to the board of trustees for the vocational-technical school or, if there is no such board of

36 trustees, the school committee to have an interest in issues related to vocational-technical  
37 education.

38 (b) Requirements for admission to an independent vocational-technical school established  
39 pursuant to Section 5A of this chapter shall be determined by the board of regional school district  
40 trustees for vocational-technical education, pursuant to Section 5A, for such a vocational-  
41 technical school. Changes to duly established requirements for admission to such an  
42 independent vocational-technical school shall be made by a majority vote of the district trustees  
43 and may be made only after at least one public hearing, held at least thirty days after the  
44 proposed change to admission requirements has been made public, and at which the public may  
45 offer remarks. Notice of the time and place of said public hearing, and of the availability for  
46 review of the proposed change to admission requirements shall be provided to each person who  
47 has previously requested the receipt of such notices from the board of regional school district  
48 trustees for vocational-technical education, as well as to individuals and organizations known to  
49 the board of regional school district trustees for vocational-technical education to have an  
50 interest in issues related to vocational-technical education.”