

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Manny Cruz and Christopher J. Worrell

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 relative to student voice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 446 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to student voice.

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 38m of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out in the 2nd paragraph the words :-“ex-officio, non voting member” and replacing
3 them with the word “voting member” .

4 Further amends Section 38m of chapter 71 “shall serve without compensation”, and
5 replacing them with the “shall receive a scholarship subject to appropriation by the committee at
6 the conclusion of their senior year in recognition of their service to the district. The student
7 representative must complete at least 1 year of full service in order to be eligible. The school
8 committee may provide a partial scholarship to a student representative who does not complete
9 their year of service. The school committee may also determine whether or not to provide a
10 stipend remunerate the student representative for their service to district”