

**SENATE . . . . . No. 850**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Julian Cyr*

*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 nursing career pathways in long term care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>10/14/2025</i>

**SENATE . . . . . No. 850**

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 850) of Julian Cyr for legislation to ensure that students who are enrolled in and pursuing a nursing career program of higher education shall be eligible for career pathway financial assistance. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to nursing career pathways in long term care.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, Section 179 of Chapter 77 of the  
2 Acts of 2023 is amended by adding after “provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be  
3 expended for the establishment of a career pathway program to support certified nurses’ aides,  
4 home health aides, homemakers and other entry-level workers in long-term care facilities to  
5 become licensed practical nurses” the following:-

6           “or registered nurses, or for licensed practical nurses in long term care facilities to  
7 become registered nurses; provided further that students from the commonwealth who: (i) are  
8 enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education at a public community college in the  
9 commonwealth or (ii) a Practical Nursing Program at a Career/Vocational Technical Education  
10 School shall be eligible for this career pathway financial assistance.”