

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 recovery high schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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Second Essex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2669 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to recovery high schools.

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 general or special law to the contrary, the department of elementary
2 and secondary education, in consultation with the principals of the 5 recovery high schools in the
3 commonwealth, shall: (i) examine the costs associated with sending students to a recovery high
4 school, as defined in subsection (a) of section 91 of chapter 71 of the General Laws; (ii)
5 determine the average cost per pupil at recovery high schools in the commonwealth; and (iii)
6 determine, in consultation with the department of public health, whether enrollment in a recovery
7 high school should require a medical diagnosis of “substance use disorder or dependency, as
8 defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV-TR”.

9 The department shall submit its findings to the chairs of the house and senate committees
10 on ways and means, the chairs of the joint committee on education and the chairs of the joint
11 committee on mental health, substance use and recovery not later than June 30, 2025.