

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

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*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 promoting access to professional development programming in Massachusetts.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Barry R. Finegold*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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

An Act promoting access to professional development programming in Massachusetts.

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. Subsection (a) of section 263 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of
3 "Private educational organization" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4 "Private educational organization", a non-public entity, including an individual, firm,
5 partnership, association, corporation, organization, trust or other legal entity or combination of
6 such entities that maintains a place of business within the commonwealth or solicits business
7 within the commonwealth from any location to provide classroom instruction, distance
8 education, online education or any combination thereof.

9 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of said section 263 of said chapter 112 is hereby amended by
10 striking out clauses (ix) and (x) and inserting in place thereof the following 4 clauses:-

11 (ix) incidental training associated with the purchase of a product from a vendor, if the
12 training is to familiarize the purchaser with its use and the purchaser is not awarded any form of
13 a certificate or diploma for having received the training; (x) training programs with a duration of

14 not more than 25 hours or a total cost of not more than \$1,500; (xi) training programs delivered  
15 for the education and training of an entity's employees for which all costs are paid by the entity  
16 and no fee or tuition is charged to the employees; or (xii) other programs designated by the  
17 division.