

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

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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 to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 326 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities.

*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, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the board  
2 of elementary and secondary education shall repromulgate 603 CMR 7.03(3) as necessary to  
3 establish the requirement that all approved programs for teachers include instruction on the  
4 appropriate use of augmentative and alternative communication and other assistive technologies;  
5 provided further the board may require that individual professional development plans required  
6 by section 38G of chapter 71 address the learning needs of students who are nonverbal or have  
7 limited speech requiring augmentative and alternative communication.