

Joint Committee on Higher Education

Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER: House, No. 1424

TITLE: An Act relative to higher education capital investment in gateway cities

SPONSORS: Rep. Antonio Cabral (New Bedford)

HEARING DATE: June 3rd, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: August 2nd, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY:

2023-2024 (H.1288): Accompanied a House study (H.4713).

2021-2022 (H.1361): Accompanied a House study (H.5714).

2019-2020 (H.1241): Accompanied a House study. (H.5125).

2017-2018 (H.645): Accompanied a House study (H.4610).

2015-2016 (H.1071): Accompanied a House study (H.4228).

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2008— An Act providing for the public higher education capital improvement needs of the Commonwealth

SUMMARY:

This bill amends the 2008 higher education bond law to specify that a project can only receive funding if it meets at least one of the following conditions: (i) construction started before July 1, 2021, (ii) the project is *not* in a gateway city or adjacent to a gateway city, or (iii) if the project is in a gateway city, it must be within 2000 feet of the city hall of that municipality and it must be within 500 feet of public transportation.