

**Joint Committee on Higher Education Bill  
Summary**

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<b><u>BILL NUMBER</u></b>	S.942
<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	An Act to establish a reduced fare pilot program to students aboard South Coast Rail
<b><u>SPONSORS</u></b>	Senator Montigny
<b><u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u></b>	-
<b><u>PRIOR HISTORY</u></b>	New File
<b><u>SUMMARY</u></b>	Implements a one-year 50% reduced fare pilot program for Bridgewater State University students on the South Coast Rail corridor MBTA commuter rail.

**SECTION-BY-SECTION**

Requires the MBTA to collaborate with Bridgewater State University (BSU) to implement a reduced fare pilot program for student semester commuter rail passes along the South Coast Rail corridor. Reduced fare will be 50 percent standard fare for those enrolled at BSU that live along the South Coast Rail corridor. BSU will distribute the passes and prioritize those with financial need. MBTA will implement the program for the 2025-2026 academic year and submit a report to the Legislature detailing total passes distributed, number of passes broken down by municipality, and total cost of the program, no later than September 1, 2026.