

HOUSE No. 1291

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chynah Tyler

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 the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1291) of Chynah Tyler relative to the use of the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center by members of the abutting residential community and students, faculty, staff, and alumni at Roxbury Community College. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Part I ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
- 2 Title II EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE
- 3 COMMONWEALTH
- 4 Chapter 15A PUBLIC EDUCATION
- 5 Section 22A REGGIE LEWIS TRACK AND ATHLETIC CENTER;
- 6 ESTABLISHMENT; POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD
- 7 Section 22A.
- 8 (a) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:
- 9 ;Board, the board of trustees of the Roxbury Community College.

10 ;Center, the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center established in subsection (b).

11 ;College;, the Roxbury Community College.

12 ;Use for nonpublic purposes;, shall include, but not be limited to,
13 the leasing or renting of the building for commercial entertainment activity.

14 ;Use for public purposes;, shall include, but not be limited to, use
15 by public high school track programs, members of the abutting residential community or by
16 members of the community at large and students, faculty, staff, and alumni at Roxbury
17 Community College.

18 (b) There shall be established the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury
19 Community College. The center shall be a building containing a Massachusetts state track
20 facility which shall be maintained at the college for public purposes. In the event the facility is
21 not in use for public purposes, the board may permit use for nonpublic purposes for a rental
22 amount to be determined by said board.

23 (c) The board shall be responsible for the management and operation of the center
24 including, but not limited to, the following:

25 (i) establishing user fees;

26 (ii) entering into agreements with the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association,
27 with other public groups and, pursuant to this section, with nonpublic groups for nonpublic
28 purposes;

29 (iii) establishing rules and regulations for the use of the center by Massachusetts public
30 high school track programs, by members of the abutting residential neighborhoods and members

31 of the community at large, by students, faculty and staff and alumni of Roxbury Community
32 College, and, by nonpublic groups for nonpublic purposes in accordance with this section;

33 (iv) deciding the priority of uses and schedule for the center, with input from an advisory
34 committee; and

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36 (v) entering into agreements with vendors to provide concession stand services and other
37 agreements as deemed necessary by the board for the maintenance and operation of the center.

38 (d) The center shall be made available without charge for use by public high school track
39 programs and Roxbury Community College. The center shall be made available on a user fee
40 basis for members of the public. The center shall be made available at market rate, as determined
41 by the board, for use for nonpublic purposes so long as the center is not being used for public
42 purposes.

43 (e) The annual operating expenses of the center shall be separate and distinct from
44 appropriations within the general appropriations act for the college, shall use a separate item of
45 appropriation, and shall be audited biennially by the state audit