

HOUSE No. 4032

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf

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 enhance public early education opportunities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>7/22/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>7/22/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>7/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4032) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others for legislation to establish within the Department of Education a pilot program for early education and care at public high schools and community colleges. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to enhance public early education opportunities.

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. (a) There shall be, within the department of education, a pilot program for
2 early education and care at public high schools and community colleges. The program shall
3 establish a minimum 1-year pilot, whereby early education and care programs, as defined in
4 section 1A of chapter 15D of the General Laws, shall be available at public high schools and
5 community colleges for children of students.

6 (b) There shall be an early education and care at public high schools and community
7 colleges advisory group, hereinafter advisory group, consisting of 7 members to oversee the pilot
8 program. The advisory group shall include: the secretary of education or a designee; the
9 commissioner of early education and care or a designee; the commissioner elementary and
10 secondary education or a designee; the commissioner of higher education or a designee; and 3
11 members to be appointed by the governor, of whom 1 shall be a representative of the state

12 advisory council on early education and care; 1 shall be a representative of AFT Massachusetts
13 and 1 shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges.

14 (c) The advisory group shall create goals, standards and key metrics for the development
15 and tracking of the early education and care at public high schools and community colleges pilot
16 program. The advisory group shall hold public meetings at which public testimony will be
17 accepted not less than quarterly and present all relevant data and implementation information.
18 The advisory group shall form sub-groups as needed, including to evaluate the impacts on
19 student performance, retention and attendance or any other area identified by the advisory group.
20 The advisory group shall have full access to any data or record related to the pilot.

21 (d) The pilot shall commence not later than December 31, 2022. The advisory group shall
22 present formal findings not less than every 6 months thereafter to the board of education. A final
23 report on the pilot shall be submitted to the board of education, joint committee on education, the
24 house and senate chairs of ways and means and the clerks of the house and senate not later than 3
25 months after the conclusion of the pilot.

26 SECTION 2. The secretary of education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary
27 to implement this act.

28 SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 are hereby repealed.

29 SECTION 4. Section 3 shall take effect December 31, 2023.