

HOUSE No. 433

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>

Marcus S. Vaughn

9th Norfolk

3/1/2023

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 433) of Christine P. Barber and others for legislation to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for school children with disabilities. Education.

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

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.