

HOUSE No. 4527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 10, 2014.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill establishing six-year career plans for all Massachusetts public school students (House, No. 460), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4527).

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act establishing six-year career plans for all Massachusetts public school students.

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. Subsection (d) of section 8 of chapter 15D of the General Laws, as
2 amended by section 4 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2013, is hereby further amended by adding
3 after the words “information check” the following:- every 3 years in accordance with regulations
4 established by the department, provided that applicants for employment in any department
5 licensed, funded or approved program who are subject to a fingerprint-based check of the state
6 and national criminal history databases for the same employer that is approved or licensed under
7 chapter 19B or chapter 71B shall submit to a fingerprint-based check in accordance with
8 regulations established by the department; provided further, that no person who is deemed
9 suitable by the department shall be subject to more than 1 fingerprint-based check every 3 years
10 for the purpose of maintaining employment with the same employer that is licensed, approved or
11 funded under this chapter or chapters 19B and 71B, and shall not be subject to duplicative
12 fingerprint-based checks for the same employer unless an exception described in the
13 department's regulations applies. The department will only determine whether an applicant is
14 suitable for association with a department licensed, funded or approved program.

15 SECTION 2. Section 38R of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended by section 12
16 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2013, is hereby amended in the second sentence of the second
17 paragraph by adding after the words “contact with children” the following:- ; provided, that no
18 person who is deemed suitable by the department of early education and care shall be subject to
19 more than one fingerprint-based check every three years for the purposes of maintaining
20 employment with the same employer operating programs licensed, funded or approved under
21 chapter 15D and chapter 71B, and provided further that the department of early education and
22 care shall conduct said background record check in accordance with section 8 of chapter 15D.

23 SECTION 3. The executive office of education shall, on or before June 1, 2015, convene
24 an advisory committee to investigate and study a development and implementation process for 6-

25 year career planning to be coordinated by licensed school guidance counselors for all students in
26 grades 6 to 12, inclusive, for implementation beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.
27 Additionally, the advisory committee shall determine if licensed school guidance counselors
28 require specialized training in order to effectively provide 6-year career planning to students and
29 shall make recommendations accordingly.

30 The advisory committee shall consist of 9 members: 1 of whom shall be the secretary of
31 education, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of
32 elementary and secondary education, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of
33 higher education, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of labor and workforce
34 development, or a designee; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the New England Association for
35 College Admission Counseling; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the New England Regional
36 Office of the College Board; 1 of whom shall be a guidance director to be appointed by the
37 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators; and 2 persons to be appointed by the
38 Massachusetts School Counselors Association.

39 The committee shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study
40 and any recommendations by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and the house of
41 representatives who shall forward the same to the chairs of the joint committee on education and
42 the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means on or before December 31,
43 2015.