

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 541**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 expand the Massachusetts School Building Authority and create a new program to assist public school districts with 21st century technology upgrades.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 541) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to technology upgrade programs for public schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3919 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to expand the Massachusetts School Building Authority and create a new program to assist public school districts with 21st century technology upgrades.

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

1 Chapter 70B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 21. The authority shall create a technology upgrade program for school districts  
3 to provide partial funding throughout the commonwealth for school technology upgrades. The  
4 technology upgrade program shall be a competitive grant program and its grants shall be  
5 distributed by the authority on the basis of need and urgency. The authority shall maintain  
6 funding for all capital programs in existence on January 1, 2021 in an amount equal to or greater  
7 than the funding for said programs in fiscal year 2021.