

HOUSE No. 445

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Manny Cruz and Andres X. Vargas

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 access to computer science coursework.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>

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By Representatives Cruz of Salem and Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 445) of Manny Cruz, Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to expand access to computer science coursework in public schools. Education.

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

An Act to expand access to computer science coursework.

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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is amended by inserting after section 99 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 100. Computer Science Education

4 (a) Every public high school in the commonwealth shall offer at least one foundational
5 computer science course and ensure that every student has the capacity to access such course
6 within a four-year course of study.

7 (b) A foundational computer science course offered pursuant to this section shall include
8 rigorous mathematical or scientific concepts and be consistent with standards adopted by the
9 board of elementary and secondary education.

10 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect for the school year beginning after July 1, 2025.