

HOUSE No. 4541

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 2022.

The committee on Education to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 601) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to special education services for students who turn 22 during the COVID-19 emergency and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3865) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to the educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4541) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ALICE HANLON PEISCH.

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

An Act relative to the educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.

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 to the contrary, a student with an
2 individualized education plan who has attained the age of 22 during the COVID-19 pandemic
3 and who has experienced skill or knowledge loss or lack of effective progress due to delayed,
4 interrupted, suspended, or inaccessible individualized education plan services because of the
5 suspension of in-person education shall be entitled to compensatory services in a manner
6 consistent with federal and state laws and regulations governing special education services for
7 students under the age of 22.