

HOUSE No. 528

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael P. Kushmerek

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 relative to teacher pathways and educator diversity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 528) of Michael P. Kushmerek and others that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education develop an accelerated, tuition-free teacher occupational apprenticeship program. Education.

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

An Act relative to teacher pathways and educator diversity.

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. Section 38G of said chapter 71 of General Laws is hereby further amended
2 by inserting after line 60, the following paragraph:-

3 “Teacher Apprentice”, a paid individual who has been selected by a school district to
4 train alongside staff while pursuing an accelerated bachelor’s degree program in arts or sciences
5 from an accredited college or university with a major course appropriate to the instructional field
6 and has been recommended by eligible educators for employment.

7 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general law or special law to the contrary, the
8 department of elementary and secondary education shall, subject to appropriation, develop an
9 accelerated, tuition-free teacher occupational apprenticeship program during which participants
10 will be recommended by eligible educators for employment and complete a paid teaching
11 apprenticeship for three years. This apprenticeship program shall provide a progressive wage as
12 the students in this program gain experience and complete their teaching degree.