

HOUSE No. 555

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cahill

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 school counselors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 555) of Daniel Cahill that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education be authorized to oversee a school counselors pilot program in certain municipalities. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 420 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to school counselors.

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 the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) shall oversee a school counselors
3 pilot program in Gateway Municipalities, as defined in Chapter 23A Section 3A, that adheres to
4 the Massachusetts Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs that ensures all pre-K
5 to grade 12 students will receive school counseling services from licensed school counselors.
6 The school counselor pilot program shall provide one (1) school counselor for a maximum of
7 two hundred fifty (250) students in participating pilot programs.