

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 700**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Danillo A. Sena***

*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 establishing an elementary and secondary school robotics grant program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/7/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>

<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/23/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/12/2021</i>

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By Mr. Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 700) of Danillo A. Sena and others relative to establishing an elementary and secondary school robotics grant program. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act establishing an elementary and secondary school robotics grant program.

*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 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 67. (a) There is hereby established within the department a grant program to  
3 increase robotics and STEM participation in public and charter schools. The purpose of the  
4 program is to provide a platform for elementary and secondary students in public and charter  
5 schools to learn the disciplines to help them achieve higher test scores, attend and graduate  
6 college with a major in science, technology, engineering and math and be prepared for a  
7 workforce demanding knowledge in those areas. The program shall be known as the elementary  
8 and secondary school robotics grant program and shall be funded by the department.

9 (b) The department shall award program grants to public and charter elementary and  
10 secondary schools on the following basis:

11 (i) Applicants shall be a public or charter elementary or secondary school in the state.  
12 Schools without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program shall be given

13 preference for grant awards; provided however, that schools located in the Cape Cod and  
14 Western Massachusetts school catchment area shall have priority for such grants;

15 (ii) Applicants shall commit to running a team registered with one of the following  
16 organizations: FIRST Robotics Competition, FIRST Tech Challenge, FIRST Lego League  
17 Explore, FIRST Lego League Challenge, VEX Robotics Competition, VEX IQ Challenge or  
18 Science Olympiad; and

19 (iii) Applications shall be submitted to the department by June first of each year for  
20 grants to be made for the following academic year.

21 (c) The department shall grant awards to eligible schools in the following amount:

22 (i) elementary schools:

23 (A) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$1,250 for a  
24 FIRST Lego League Challenge program and \$590 for an FIRST Lego League Explore Team;

25 (B) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$750 for a FIRST  
26 Lego League Challenge program and \$370 for an FIRST Lego League Explore Team;

27 (C) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$490 for a Science  
28 Olympiad Team

29 (D) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$435 for a Science  
30 Olympiad Team

31 (ii) middle schools:

32 (A) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$4,000 for a  
33 FIRST Tech Challenge Team

34 (B) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$3,000 for a FIRST  
35 Tech Challenge Team;

36 (C) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$1,280 for a VEX  
37 IQ Challenge Team;

38 (D) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$700 for a VEX IQ  
39 Challenge Team;

40 (E) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$490 for a Science  
41 Olympiad Team

42 (F) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$435 for a Science  
43 Olympiad Team

44 (iii) high schools:

45 (A) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$18,000 for a  
46 FIRST Robotics Competition Team;

47 (B) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$15,000 for a FIRST  
48 Robotics Competition Team;

49 (C) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$1,700 for a VEX  
50 Robotics Competition Team;

51 (D) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$700 for a VEX  
52 Robotics Competition Team;

53 (E) without a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$490 for a Science  
54 Olympiad Team

55 (F) with a sponsored robotics club or established robotics program: \$435 for a Science  
56 Olympiad Team

57 (d) Program grant awards shall be within the amounts appropriated for the purpose and  
58 based on availability of funds.

59 (e) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this program.