

SENATE No. 338

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam Gomez

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 ensuring diversity in public education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Gomez, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 338) of Adam Gomez, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Adam J. Scanlon, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure diversity in public education. Education.

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

An Act ensuring diversity in public education.

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 Chapter 71, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking the twelfth paragraph in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the
3 following new paragraph:-

4 To be eligible for certification as a provisional educator, the candidate shall (1) hold a
5 bachelor's degree in arts or sciences from an accredited college or university with a major course
6 in the arts or sciences appropriate to the instructional field; (2) pass a test or satisfy alternative
7 measures of proficiency established by the board; provided, that if the candidate chooses to take
8 a test, that test shall consist of two parts: (A) a writing section which shall demonstrate the
9 communication and literacy skills necessary for effective instruction and improved
10 communication between school and parents; and (B) the subject matter knowledge for the
11 certificate; provided further, that in providing an alternative to the test, the board shall consider:
12 (A) the candidate's proficiency in communication and literacy skills and (B) in subject matter

13 knowledge for the certificate; and (3) be of sound moral character. Candidates who complete the
14 requirements in this paragraph shall be issued provisional educator certificates which will permit
15 them to seek employment in teaching positions requiring instructional certification in districts
16 which have an approved provisional educator preparation program.

17 SECTION 2. Said section 38G of Chapter 71, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
18 is hereby further amended by striking the eighteenth paragraph in its entirety and inserting in
19 place thereof the following new paragraph:-

20 To be eligible for certification as a provisional educator with advanced standing, the
21 candidate shall provide evidence that he (1) holds a bachelor's degree in arts or sciences from an
22 accredited college or university with a major course in the arts or sciences appropriate to the
23 instructional field or the equivalent baccalaureate degree; (2) pass a test or satisfy alternative
24 measures of proficiency established by the board; provided, that if the candidate chooses to take
25 a test, that test shall consist of two parts: (A) a writing section which shall demonstrate the
26 communication and literacy skills necessary for effective instruction and improved
27 communication between school and parents; and (B) the subject matter knowledge for the
28 certificate; provided further, that in providing an alternative to the test, the board shall consider:
29 (A) the candidate's proficiency in communication and literacy skills and (B) in subject matter
30 knowledge for the certificate; and (3) has satisfactorily completed a board of education approved
31 teacher preparation program; and (4) is of sound moral character. A candidate who completes the
32 requirements of this paragraph shall be issued a provisional educator certificate with advanced
33 standing which will permit him to seek employment in a teaching position requiring instructional
34 certification.

35 SECTION 3. Section 18 of Chapter 74, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
36 hereby amended by striking the first paragraph in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the
37 following new paragraph:-

38 The state board shall establish basic competency-based vocational-technical teacher
39 training standards which shall serve as the fundamental, pedagogical requirements for beginning
40 vocational-technical instructors. The board shall further require that all persons seeking to meet
41 the board's requirements shall have successfully passed performance and written tests in areas as
42 determined by the board or shall have satisfied alternative measures of proficiency established by
43 the board and shall have successfully completed an approved seminar on teaching skills and
44 methods.