

**SENATE . . . . . No. 362**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 362) of John C. Velis and Kelly W. Pease for legislation to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 350 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities.

*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. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2022 edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 9B the following new section:-

3           Section 9C. The department shall administer the Access College Early (ACE) Program,  
4 subject to appropriation, providing needs-based financial assistance for high school students  
5 eligible for the Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP). Such assistance shall be  
6 granted to students living in or attending high school in a gateway municipality, as defined in  
7 section 3A of chapter 23A, and who also qualify for or receive free or reduced-price lunch under  
8 the federally-funded school meals program. Students receiving financial assistance under the  
9 ACE Program will participate in CDEP at no cost and may earn up to 24 college credits.