

SENATE No. 601

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony D. Galluccio

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act designating a community college as a life sciences training center.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT DESIGNATING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS A LIFE SCIENCES TRAINING CENTER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Whereas, Governor Deval Patrick has appointed a new Board of Directors of the Massachusetts
2 Life Sciences Center; and

3 Whereas, the life sciences is one of the fastest growing and stable industries in the
4 Commonwealth; and

5 Whereas, the life sciences has made a positive impact on our cities and towns, from increasing
6 tax revenue to reducing traffic generation to establishing partnerships with our city's schools;
7 and

8 Whereas, this growing industry relies on well-trained and skilled workers; and

9 Whereas, our community college system is ideally suited to create a life sciences preparatory
10 curriculum for students seeing to retrain themselves and take advantage of opportunities in the
11 life sciences sector;

12 Therefore, be it enacted, as follows:

13 SECTION 1.

14 Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended
15 by inserting after section 15F the following section:-

16 Section 15G. Life Sciences Training Center.

17 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the board of higher
18 education shall, within nine months of the effective date of this act, designate a community

19 college in the Commonwealth as a Life Sciences Training Center. The board, in consultation
20 with the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, established by section 3 of chapter 23I of the
21 General Laws, shall promulgate regulations and other written guidance as needed to designate,
22 develop, and administer the Center and its curriculum. The board shall establish a commission
23 comprised of government and education officials and leaders in the life sciences, biotechnology
24 and medical manufacturing industries to help develop and implement the curriculum offered at
25 the Center and other institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth.