

SENATE No. 693

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eric P. Lesser

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>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 693) of Eric P. Lesser, Thomas M. McGee, Sal N. DiDomenico and James B. Eldridge for legislation to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2014 edition, is hereby amended
2 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.

8 Students receiving financial assistance under the ACE Program will participate in CDEP at no
9 cost and may earn up to 24 college credits.