

HOUSE No. 493

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:
Tom Sannicandro

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 Ensure Students with Disabilities Succeed as Adults: Transition Coordinators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex
Mark V. Falzone	9th Essex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
Steven A. Tolman	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
William Lantigua	16th Essex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Lida E. Harkins	13th Norfolk
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Karyn E. Polito	11th Worcester
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Geraldine Creedon	11th Plymouth

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT ENSURE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SUCCEED AS ADULTS: TRANSITION COORDINATORS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph at the end of section 38G:-

The board of education shall promulgate revisions to the Regulations for Educator Licensure and Preparation Program Approval (currently 603 CMR 7.00) to provide an Advanced Certificate in Transition Services which shall include both coursework and a practicum for previously licensed special education teachers and rehabilitation counselors to develop the competencies necessary to serve as transition coordinators. The requirements for the Advanced Certificate in Transition Services, as promulgated by the board, can also be used to satisfy the requirements for a professional license._

SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting section 3B at the end of section 3A.

A school committee shall employ transition coordinators with an Advanced Certificate in Transition Services. A school committee school shall employ the number of such transition

coordinators necessary to adequately plan, coordinate, and provide transition services for the number of children with disabilities ages, 14-22 enrolled in its school district. The department shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section.