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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro and Steven A. Tolman

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:

An Act to promote the successful transition of students with disabilities to post-secondary education, employment, and independent living .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*
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David B. Sullivan	*6th Bristol*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Thomas P. Conroy	*13th Middlesex*
Brian A. Joyce	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth*
Karen E. Spilka	

	[District]
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James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*
John V. Fernandes	*10th Worcester*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	*[District]*
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Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Alice K. Wolf	*25th Middlesex*
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Katherine M. Clark	*Middlesex and Essex*
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An Act to promote the successful transition of students with disabilities to post-secondary education, employment, and independent living .

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, section 38G, of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "temporary certificate" the following definition:-

"Transition Services", as defined in 20 USC 1401 (34)

SECTION 2 Section 38G of said chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The board of education shall provide a specialist teacher license in transition services which shall include both coursework and field experience for previously licensed special education teachers and rehabilitation counselors to develop the competence necessary to serve as transition coordinators to facilitate provision of a coordinated set of activities to adequately prepare students with disabilities to achieve successful transition to post-school activities including further education, competitive employment, and independent living. The requirements for the specialist teacher license in transition services, as promulgated by the board, can also be used to satisfy the requirements for a professional license.