



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HEARING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 9: ELLs/Bilingual Ed, Assessments

- H.353: An Act to close the achievement gap for English Language learners
- H.479: An Act relative to enhancing English opportunities for all students in the Commonwealth
- H.533: An act to promote global trade and economic development through dual language and biliteracy
- S.225: An Act relative to enhancing english opportunities for all students in the Commonwealth
- S.270: An Act to promote global trade and economic development through dual language and bi-literacy
- H.327: An Act to improve global competitiveness through additional language competency
- H.348: An act to establish a new high school diploma
- H.358: An Act relative to accommodations for special needs students taking the MCAS examination
- H.385: An Act relative to students with severe disabilities
- H.432: An Act relative to non-public school student access to the MCAS exam
- H.444: An Act to expand access to the MCAS appeals process
- H.453: An Act relating to high school graduation requirements for students with learning disabilities
- H.489: An Act to improve assessment and accountability to ensure students acquire 21st century skills
- H.490: An Act requiring school districts, with the assistance of the department of elementary and secondary education, to disclose information about required assessments
- H.494: An Act relative to the MCAS appeals process
- H.496: An Act relative to scholastic achievement in the commonwealth
- H.504: An Act to eliminate the use of the MCAS for high school graduation.
- S.219: An Act supporting the local determination of educational competency and multiple forms of academic assessment.
- S.250: An Act relative to the competency determination for high school graduation

Tuesday, May 7: Accountability, Charter Schools, Expanded Learning Time

- H.414: An Act relative to school improvement plans
- H.425: An Act to further narrow the achievement gap
- H.464: An Act relative to improving student achievement
- H.529: An Act promoting public school success
- H.531: An Act enhancing educational opportunities
- H.532: An Act relative to technical corrections of the achievement gap law
- S.235: An Act to further narrow the achievement gap
- H.345: An Act prohibiting for-profit entities from managing charter schools
- H.362: An Act establishing a commission to study the feasibility of a charter school for students on the autism spectrum
- H.372: An Act establishing a moratorium for Commonwealth charter schools

H.398: An Act to require certification of all public school teachers
H.411: An Act relative to charter reconsideration
H.412: An Act relative to charter revocation
H.413: Resolve establishing a charter school commission
H.428: An Act relative to charter school renewal
H.437: An Act relative to education funding for charter schools
H.451: An Act to promote collaboration in Horace Mann and innovation schools
H.467: An Act relative to maintaining school funding
H.468: An Act to improve student retention in charter schools
H.491: An Act relative to charter schools
H.495: An Act relative to charter school boards
H.500: An Act relative to charter schools.
H.501: An Act relative to charter schools 2.
H.530: An Act relative to charter schools
S.212: An Act relative to charter schools
S.222: An Act concerning charter school funding
S.240: An Act relative to charter school enrollment.
S.241: An Act relative to student assessment data
S.257: An Act establishing a moratorium for Commonwealth charter schools
S.258: An Act relative to charter schools
S.272: An Act ensuring charter school integrity
H.510: An Act establishing a grant program for expanding learning time and improving student success
S.215: An Act authorizing a study of starting times and schedules

Tuesday, May 14: Curriculum I

H.333: An Act regarding parental notification and consent
H.366: An Act relative to providing health education in schools
H.388: An Act comprehensive sexual education and violence prevention programs
H.395: An Act to provide child exploitation awareness education
H.421: An Act relative to comprehensive health education in schools
H.431: An Act relative to parental notification
H.440: An Act regarding parental notification and consent
H.450: An Act relative to healthy youth
H.466: An Act requiring parental consent on sex education in public schools
H.509: An Act relative to promoting tolerance
H.522: An Act regarding an analysis of health education in the Commonwealth
S.201: An Act to improve eye health for students
S.202: An Act providing health education in schools.
S.209: An Act relative to healthy youth
S.274: An Act to provide child exploitation awareness education

Thursday, May 30: School Climate, Safety

H.347: An Act to promote education to prevent sexual harassment and violence against women.
H.383: An Act relative to dress codes in public schools
H.391: An Act protecting the religious freedom of students
H.452: An Act regarding surveys in public schools
H.454: An Act relative to bullying in schools
H.505: An Act for the further promotion of racial balance
H.520: An Act relative to safe and supportive schools
S.206: An Act relative to bullying in schools

S.210: An Act relative to safe and supportive schools
S.248: An Act strengthening the anti-bullying law
S.265: An Act to further define the term "bullying"
H.3291: An Act relative to the safety of school children
H.360: An Act creating a school resource officer grant program and fund
H.361: Resolve establishing a special commission on school safety
H.379: An Act establishing a commission to study school safety and security
H.390: An Act to establish a school pilot anti-violence silent alarm program
H.424: An Act relative to the establishment of mandatory school safety procedures
S.252: An Act relative to school safety
S.273: An Act relative to school safety issues
S.281: An Act relative to school safety on election day.

Thursday, June 6: Special Education, Collaboratives

H.334: An Act relative to a special education services for low incidence populations
H.336: An Act to promote cost-effective, high quality in-district programs for students with disability
H.342: An Act establishing a discretionary grant program for students with autism
H.371: An Act relative to special education costs and obligations
H.449: An Act relative to special education
H.455: An Act to assist parental choice concerning special education placements
H.481: An Act expanding inclusive transition programs for students with severe disabilities
H.499: An Act to Equity and Fairness for Students with Disabilities
H.502: An Act reducing special education referrals and costs
S.205: An Act to assist parental choice concerning special education placements
S.218: An Act to maintain short term objectives for students with disabilities
S.221: An Act relating to special education evaluation and referral
S.224: An Act reducing special education referrals and costs
S.233: An Act promoting equal opportunities for students with disabilities
S.259: An Act to provide fair process for students with disabilities
H.357: An Act clarifying the rights of employees in education collaboratives.
H.458: An Act relative to education collaboratives
H.526: An Act relative to education collaboratives

Thursday, June 13: SPED Finance

H.3287: An Act relative to special education funding
H.3306: An Act relative to transportation costs associated with special education
H.332: An Act relative to additional funding to the special education reimbursement program
H.354: An act relative to increasing special education circuit breaker and regional transportation reimbursement
H.355: An Act relative to special education budgets
H.384: An Act relative to special education enrollment
H.386: An Act relative to school transportation
H.415: An Act to assure opportunity for all students with disabilities
H.463: An Act relative to special education finance
H.474: An Act expanding the special education reimbursement program
H.480: An Act to provide education funding to municipalities with identified nationally-known special purpose educational schools
H.492: An Act relative to circuit breaker reimbursement
H.493: An Act relative to special education transportation costs
H.511: An Act relative to special education reimbursements
H.516: An Act relative to equitable school reimbursement funds

S.216: An Act relative to circuit breaker reimbursement
S.217: An Act relative to special education transportation costs
S.220: An Act relating to special education funding
S.263: An Act relative to special education enrollment
S.269: An Act relative to special education reimbursements

Thursday, June 20: Early Ed & Care, College & Career Readiness, & Extra-Curricular

H.328: An Act relative to limited liability corporations dealing with children
H.349: An Act to implement full-day kindergarten.
H.352: An Act to improve early education
H.387: An Act to secure child safety in family child care systems
H.442: An Act creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care
H.476: An Act relative to early education and out of school time capital fund
H.460: An Act establishing six-year career plans for all Massachusetts public school students
H.461: An Act establishing a school counseling leadership pilot program to accelerate college and career readiness in Massachusetts public schools
S.261: An Act establishing college and career preparation programs and opportunities for postsecondary education
H.445: An Act relative to recognizing cheerleading as a sport
H.446: An Act relative to competitive cheerleading safety
H.448: An Act relative to the disclosure of information of public school athletic resources and interscholastic athletic authorized representatives
H.456: An Act to prevent concussion and head injury
H.483: An Act to authorize codes of conduct for players, coaches, officials and parents in athletic settings

Thursday, June 27: Accountability/Compliance, Technology

H.373: An Act imposing a moratorium on new mandated education programs and expenses
H.375: An Act establishing an educational mandate working group
H.429: An Act relative to a "parent trigger petition" at schools in the Commonwealth
H.459: An Act establishing an educational mandate task force
H.512: An Act providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to mandated reports and data submissions required of local school districts
H.528: An Act making school district reporting requirements more efficient and effective
H.534: An Act to reduce paperwork within the department of elementary and secondary education
S.262: An Act relative to the Audit/Accountability office
S.264: An Act to reduce paperwork within the department of elementary and secondary education
H.331: An Act prohibiting service providers who offer cloud computing services to K-12 educational institutions from processing student data for commercial purposes.
S.256: An Act establishing a special commission relative to digital textbooks

Thursday, September 12: Health

H.363: An Act enhancing emergency responses for children and seniors
H.364: An Act to improve quality physical education
H.369: An Act relative to the sterilization of musical instruments in schools.
H.389: An Act for mandatory physical education for all students grades K-12
H.416: An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation
H.417: Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide

H.430: An Act relative to emergency stock epinephrine in schools
H.436: An Act modifying the school breakfast program
H.438: An Act relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for athletic coaches
H.443: An Act relative to suicide prevention training in schools
H.478: An Act relative to healthy kids
H.484: An Act relative to teacher certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
H.508: An Act requiring school districts to adopt a certain health program
H.514: An Act relative to Asthma Screening
S.231: An Act relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for athletic coaches
S.236: An Act ensuring adequate nursing services at public schools.
S.242: An Act to establish school nutrition education classes
S.246: An Act relative to healthy kids.
S.251: An Act relative to access to automated external defibrillators
S.266: An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation
S.279: An Act establishing a skin cancer and sun safety education program in public schools.
S.282: An Act relative to CPR and AED certification for athletic coaches

Thursday, September 19: Personnel, Libraries

H.337: An Act relative to the employment of public school teachers.
H.340: An Act relative to the dismissal of teachers
H.343: An act to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities
H.344: An Act to increase capacity to address the complex needs of students with autism
H.346: An Act relative to teacher recertification requirements.
H.351: An Act to incorporate suicide prevention training into educator professional development plans
H.392: An Act relative to educator excellence
H.393: An Act relative to the membership of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
H.396: An Act relative to teaching excellence
H.397: An Act regarding certification of librarians
H.418: An Act relative to educator licensure
H.419: An Act relative to providing feedback on educator certification tests
H.473: An Act to enable the working group for educator excellence
H.487: An Act regarding sign language proficiency for certain teachers and educational interpreters
H.497: An Act preserving retired teachers' certification.
H.518: An Act relative to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
H.527: An Act supporting educators' professional development
S.204: An Act relative to teaching excellence
S.226: An Act relative to the composition of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
S.229: An Act to improve the excellence to teaching programs
S.238: An Act regarding sign language proficiency for certain teachers and educational interpreters
H.3292: An Act relative to the Massachusetts center for the book

Thursday, October 3: School Finance

H.339: An Act relative to chapter 70
H.359: An Act relative to recovery high schools
H.374: An Act establishing a Chapter 70 foundation budget study group
H.381: An Act relative to education funding
H.400: An Act to promote fairness between traditional public schools and regional vocational schools
H.408: An Act relative to school funding
H.409: An Act to provide state aid reimbursement on account of attendance in the public schools by certain students living on federal military reservations

H.423: An Act relative to total amounts distributed to cities and town for the purpose of education
H.433: An Act relative to holding Chapter 70 funding harmless
H.434: Resolve relative to improving the calculation of foundation budgets
H.439: An Act relative to equity in education funding
H.441: An Act Relative to Target Share Funding
H.447: An Act relative to determining the distribution of local state aid for education
H.457: An Act reviving the Foundation Budget Review Commission
H.485: An Act to establish a school choice circuit breaker
H.486: An Act to increase accountability in school choice reimbursement
H.488: An Act relative to promoting excellence and accountability for the education of mobile student populations
S.207: An Act reviving the Foundation Budget Review Commission
S.211: An Act relative to establishing a Chapter 70 equalization fund
S.239: An Act including transitory student enrollment in the calculation of aid under Chapter 70.
S.243: An Act relative to the transfer of funding for recovery high school summer programming
S.249: An Act providing Chapter 70 accountability for adequate access to school nursing
S.271: An Act increasing accountability of DESE contracts
S.278: An Act to establish a commission on full and fair education funding and administration

Thursday, October 17: At-Risk Students, School Discipline

H.3290: An Act relative to the dropout age
H.338: An Act raising the compulsory attendance age to 18
H.341: Resolve providing for a study of compulsory school attendance
H.350: An Act to require school attendance up to age eighteen or until graduation
H.368: An Act establishing the maximum age for school attendance in the city of Lawrence
H.376: An Act relative to the compulsory age of school attendance
H.378: An Act relative to the maximum age of enrollment
H.427: An Act relative to parental notification for out-of-school-district counseling referrals
H.462: An Act relative to the maximum permissible age for school attendance
H.471: An Act authorizing sheriffs' departments to engage in truancy programs
H.507: An Act relative to the Massachusetts YouthBuild program
H.517: An Act relative to parental involvement in schools
H.523: An Act reducing the dropout rate
H.524: An Act raising the school dropout age
H.525: An Act enhancing the educational outcomes of expectant and parenting students
S.208: An Act relative to dropout prevention and recovery
S.214: Resolve to ensure student progression
S.237: An Act enhancing student opportunity for achievement and results
S.283: An Act relative to interagency collaboration for dropout prevention
H.426: An Act relative to safe schools
H.482: An Act interrupting the school to prison pipeline
H.498: An Act relative to tuition costs for expelled students
S.268: An Act interrupting the school to prison pipeline

Thursday, October 24: Transportation, Voc-Tech, Regional Schools, School Buildings

H.356: An Act relative to agricultural school transportation
H.377: An Act relative to school transportation
H.380: An Act relative to school transportation
H.399: An Act relative to transportation of regional vocational schools
H.407: An Act relative to vocational education transportation for nonresident students

H.469: An Act requiring reports on the state's implementation of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
H.470: An Act Resolve establishing a special commission relative to reimbursements of school busing costs
H.506: An Act relative to a commission on advertisements
H.515: An Act regarding private school transportation
S.227: An Act relative to school transportation
S.232: An Act enhancing school district transportation safety
S.253: An Act relative to vocational school transportation
H.370: An Act relative to exploratory programs
H.406: An Act relative to nonresident vocational education tuition
H.503: An Act mandating the accreditation of secondary graphic communications education in vocational and technical schools
S.244: An Act to provide for capital equipment replacement in vocational education as part of state aid to public schools
S.245: An Act concerning funding replacement vocational and technical public high school instructional equipment
S.277: An act relative to empowering vocational schools
H.335: An Act relative to regional school district bonus aid
H.365: An Act relative to regional school district leases
H.401: An Act relative to the powers and duties of a regional school district
H.402: An Act establishing a regional school district planning committee
H.403: An Act relative to regional bonus aid
H.404: An Act relative to the regional school transportation reimbursement fund
H.405: An Act relative to regional school transportation
H.521: An Act relative to teacher compensation in regional school districts
S.255: An Act relative to regional school transportation funding
H.435: An Act relative to the consideration of ergonomically designed school buildings
S.228: An Act relative to regional school district capital project funding
S.247: An Act relative to projects funded by the school building authority.

Thursday, October 31: Curriculum II

H.329: An Act relative to inquiry-based science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.
H.330: An Act directing the Department of Education to include a course in civics as a high school graduation requirement
H.367: An Act relative to financial literacy curriculum
H.382: An Act requiring tracking subjects in schools
H.394: An Act relative to teaching the history of working people
H.410: An Act establishing a financial literacy curriculum
H.420: An Act concerning genocide education
H.422: An Act relative to civics course curriculum
H.465: An Act relative to the incorporation of civics in the high school curriculum
H.472: An Act concerning media literacy in schools
H.475: An Act concerning genocide education
H.513: An Act relative to high school civics requirement
H.519: An Act concerning personal financial literacy curriculum in schools
H.535: An Act establishing a personal finance, civic responsibility and general legal curriculum
S.200: An Act relative to geography education
S.203: An Act to involve youth in civic engagement
S.213: An Act concerning media literacy in schools
S.230: An Act to include recycling education in the Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework
S.234: An Act relative to financial literacy in schools
S.254: An Act to involve youth in civic engagement
S.260: An Act relative to teaching the history of working people
S.267: An Act concerning genocide education

S.275: An Act to promote alternative dispute resolution for students.
S.280: An Act relative to the teaching of American Sign Language