



An Act to Create and Expand Student Pathways to Success (H.592/S.256)

- Sponsors: Rep. Chynah Tyler, Senator John Cronin
- Contains all of the foundational policy initiatives that would be needed to greatly expand the number of high-quality college and career pathway programs that are available to students across MA in ways that are designed to narrow equity gaps and provide more students with opportunities for improved economic mobility.
- Creates a robust governance structure to oversee the growth of pathways programs while also establishing important incentives to grow the number of high school students earning industry-recognized credentials, the number of high schools that offer high-quality vocational education programs, the number of Computer Science courses offered, the number of students receiving dedicated career counseling, and more.

An Act Incentivizing the Awarding of Industry Recognized Credentials (H.564)

- Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Roy
- Creates an incentive for high schools to encourage students to earn more industry-recognized credentials (IRC) that have value in the MA labor market. Districts will receive \$1,000 for every student who earns an IRC that has been recognized as having “high employment value” by the annual list published by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. For students who earn an IRC that is not on the annual list but does address regional demands identified by the local workforce board, the district would receive \$800 per student.

An Act to Expand Access to Computer Science Coursework (H.445/S.277)

- Sponsors: Rep. Manny Cruz and Rep. Andres Vargas, Sen. Barry Finegold
- Requires every public high school in MA to offer at least one foundational computer science course, and to ensure that all students are able to access that course, by the start of the 2025-26 school year. The foundational CS course must include rigorous math or science concepts as outlined in standards issued by DESE.

An Act Creating a Workforce Skills Cabinet Supporting Pathways to Success (H. 3009)

- Sponsors: Rep. Josh Cutler, Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian
- Establishes the Workforce Skills Cabinet as a permanent, cross-agency working group to oversee the equitable growth of college and career pathways programs across MA.



- Ensures that business leaders, educators, community members, and others have a seat at the table alongside the Cabinet Secretaries and agency heads for the Cabinet’s deliberations. Charges the Cabinet with a number of important duties including a study on workforce alignment and equity of access for pathway programs, an annual report on upcoming workforce needs, the facilitation of data linkages and data tools, and more.

An Act to Expand the Use of Career and Academic Plans (H. 444)

- Sponsors: Rep. Manny Cruz, Rep. Estela Reyes
- Requires all public school districts to ensure that all high school students participate in MyCAP – a whole-school system of dedicated college and career counseling that allows students to develop individualized plans on a digital platform – by the 2026-27 school year.