

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 410**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 relative to parental notification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>



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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 410) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to parental options of enrolling children in elective courses involving sexual education rather than opting out of mandatory courses. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 431 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to parental notification.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 32A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 32A. Every city, town, regional school district or vocational school district  
5 implementing or maintaining curriculum, or a school sanctioned program or activity, which  
6 primarily involves human sexual education, human sexuality issues, or sexual orientation issues  
7 shall adopt a written policy ensuring parental or legal guardian notification.

8 Such curriculum programs and activities, which primarily involve human sexual  
9 education, human sexuality issues, or sexual orientation, shall be offered only in clearly

10 identified non-mandatory elective courses in which parents or guardians may choose to enroll  
11 their children through written notification to the school, in a manner reasonably similar to other  
12 elective courses offered by the school district.

13           To the extent practicable, instruction materials and related items for said curriculum,  
14 programs, and activities shall be made reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators,  
15 school administrators, and others for inspection and review.

16           No public school teacher or administrator shall be required to participate in any such  
17 curriculum program and activities which primarily involves human sexual education, human  
18 sexuality issues, or sexual orientation issues that violate his or her religious beliefs.