

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 155**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Poirier***

*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 requiring parental consent on sex education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Joyce A. Spiliotis</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel K. Webster</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Raymond T. Neary</i>	<i>6 Lantern Lane Medfield, MA 02052</i>

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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 155) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to require parental consent on sex education in public schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 472 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act requiring parental consent on sex education in public schools.

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

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SECTION 1. 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and replacing it thereof with the following: —

Any city, town or school district maintaining or implementing any curriculum, unit of study, school-sanctioned program or activity which involves sex education shall offer it only on an elective basis. Given five school days notice, prior review of said materials, as well as the questioning of teachers and administrators involved, will be extended to parents, guardians and/or their legal representatives. Written parent or guardian permission will be required for

- 10 student participation. No public school teacher or employee who feels that such curriculum or
- 11 activity violates his or her religious beliefs shall be required to participate in any way.