

HOUSE No. 396

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 to accelerate student success through expanded learning time.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 396) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to providing expanded learning time for students. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to accelerate student success through expanded learning time.

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: Chapter 70 section 2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after the definition of “expanded program allotment” the following --

3 “Expanded learning time program allotment”, the amount allotted within a district’s
4 foundation budget for providing approved expanded learning time to students; provided that, the
5 expanded learning time program allotment shall be added to a district’s foundation budget if (i) a
6 school or schools in the district serves students in the elementary and/or middle grades; (ii) has
7 enrollment of greater than seventy per cent of low-income students; (iii)(a) the elementary or
8 middle school or schools have a minimum of 1,200 annual instructional hours and 1,290 annual
9 instructional hours respectively on a mandatory basis for all enrolled students or (b) a school
10 provides a minimum of 1,200 instructional hours for all enrolled students in the elementary
11 grades and/or a minimum of 1,290 of instructional hours for all enrolled students in the middle
12 grades within a K-8 school; (iv) the additional time is spent on an appropriate mix of (a) core
13 academics; (b) programming that broadens students’ skills and educational opportunities, such

14 as, music, art, sports, health and wellness programs, project-based experiential learning,
15 apprenticeships ; and (c) additional time for teacher collaboration and professional development;
16 (v) the school or schools have a performance agreement in good standing with the department of
17 elementary and secondary education; and (vi) the school or schools has received initial funding
18 through line-item 7061-9412 in the state's annual appropriations act; provided further, the
19 department may put a priority on funding schools with middle grades, as appropriations
20 necessitate; provided further, the expanded learning time program allotment shall be determined
21 by multiplying the number of pupils enrolled in district schools providing at least 1,200 annual
22 instructional hours at the elementary level and 1,290 annual instructional hours by the wage
23 adjustment factor by thirteen hundred dollars; provided further, districts with schools with
24 performance agreements in good standing with the department of elementary and secondary
25 education funded through line-item 7061-9412 in Section 2 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014
26 shall be funded for the expanded learning time program allotment;

27 SECTION 2. Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in section 3
28 paragraph 3, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, after the words "expanded program
29 allotment" the following --

30 , expanded learning time program allotment,

31 SECTION 3. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in section
32 89, subsection (ff), paragraph two, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, after the words "nor
33 any amount generated by said assumed enrollment," the following --

34 and the expanded learning time program allotment, nor any amount amounts generated
35 by said expanded learning time program allotment.

36 SECTION 4. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in section
37 89, subsection (ff) the following new paragraph --

38 The department shall, subject to appropriation, provide per pupil expanded learning time
39 program funding as part of the charter tuition amount; provided that the expanded learning time
40 program allotment shall only be added to the charter tuition amount for charter schools if (i)
41 greater than 70 per cent of students enrolled in the charter school are low-income; (ii) the charter
42 school provides at least 1,200 hours of instruction annually at the elementary school level and
43 1,290 hours of instruction annually at the middle school level to all enrolled students; and (iii)
44 the charter school has an approved expanded learning time performance agreement in good
45 standing with the department; provided further, the expanded learning time program allotment
46 shall be determined by multiplying the number of pupils enrolled in the charter school by the
47 wage adjustment factor by thirteen hundred dollars.