

HOUSE No. 408

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Randy Hunt

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 for out-of-school-district counseling referrals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Hunt of Sandwich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 408) of Randy Hunt and others relative to parental notification for out-of-school-district counseling referrals. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 427 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to parental notification for out-of-school-district counseling referrals.

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 37L of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is

3 hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following:-

4 No counselor, therapist, social worker, teacher or other individual who provides
5 counseling, guidance, or instructional services for the school district of a city or town, a regional
6 school district, a vocational school district, or a charter school, may refer a student under the age
7 of 18 (eighteen) years to, nor provide the contact information, business card, brochure, or other
8 informational materials of, an individual, organization, or entity not employed by or under the
9 direct control of the school district to which that student belongs without receiving prior written

- 10 consent from that student's parents or legal guardian except in the case where abuse or neglect by
- 11 a student's parent or legal guardian is strongly and reasonably suspected.