

HOUSE No. 301

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mathew Muratore

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 special education training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	

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By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 301) of Mathew Muratore and others relative to special education training. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to special education training.

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 38Q of chapter 71, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Every school district in the commonwealth shall ensure that paraprofessionals and
4 teacher assistants assigned to work with a teacher who has primary oversight of a school age
5 child requiring special education, as defined in section 1 of chapter 71B, receive training in
6 student behavior management within 60 days of assignment to such responsibility. School boards
7 may provide such training to other employees, including transportation employees. The
8 department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the University of
9 Massachusetts, shall develop an online training that school districts may use to fulfill the
10 requirements of this paragraph; provided, that the online training shall be provided to every
11 school district free of charge.