

SENATE No. 322

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 substance use education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Diana DiZoglio

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 322) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to substance abuse education in public schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 272 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to substance use 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:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 95. The department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with
3 the department of public health and the substance use advisory committee established in this
4 section shall develop a model curriculum designed for the purpose of substance use and
5 addiction prevention which shall align with the health curriculum framework and address the
6 following topics: tobacco, alcohol, opiate and prescription drug diversion and use and other
7 substance use and use prevention, conflict resolution, healthy coping behavior, student and
8 community mental health resources and peer leadership. The curriculum shall take into account
9 the best practices and policies in other states. The adolescent substance use and addiction

10 prevention curriculum shall be incorporated into the health curriculum in grades 4 to 12 for all
11 students in the public schools.

12 The department of elementary and secondary education shall convene a substance use
13 advisory committee to investigate and study the development and implementation process for
14 reducing adolescent substance use for public school students. The substance use advisory
15 committee in formulating its recommendations, shall take into account the best practices and
16 policies in other states.

17 The substance use advisory committee shall consist of 11 members: 2 of whom shall be
18 national experts on adolescent substance use and addiction; 2 of whom shall be members of the
19 student advisory council; 2 of whom shall be members of teens leading the way; 2 of whom shall
20 be members of the governors youth council; 2 of whom shall be members of the legislature's
21 Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery; 2 of whom shall be members
22 of the Joint Committee on Education; 1 of whom shall be a member of the Attorney General's
23 opiate use task force. The department shall create an evaluation assessing the curriculum and
24 teaching materials before piloting this program.

25 SECTION 2. The state shall fully fund all costs associated with the implementation of
26 this act.

27 SECTION 3. The substance use advisory committee shall report to the general court the
28 results of its investigation and study and any recommendations by filing the same with the clerks
29 of the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the same to the chairs of the
30 joint committee on education and the chairs of the joint committee on education and the joint
31 committee on mental health and substance use on or before January 1, 2022.

32 SECTION 4. The model curriculum established in SECTION 1 shall be developed on or
33 before June 30, 2021.