

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 381

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act relative to the administration of 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           SECTION 1. Chapter 71, Section 37H 1/2, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

3                   ;any such suspension or disciplinary action taken in excess of ten school days shall be  
4 officially accounted for in any official school reporting mechanism, but shall not adversely affect  
5 said schools “adequate yearly progress” report to any state or local agency.

6           SECTION 2. Chapter 71, Section 37H ½ is hereby further amended by adding at the end  
7 thereof the following:-

8                   Any school department that suspends a student for any length of time in excess of five  
9 school days, shall furnish said student with appropriate alternative education commensurate with  
10 his great level and abilities.