

HOUSE No. 443

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Relative to the consideration of ergonomically designed school buildings..

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, Chapter 70B, section 2 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is
3 hereby amended by including herein the following definition:

4 Ergonomics: the scientific discipline concerned with designing to physical, cognitive,
5 and organizational needs of students and educators, in an effort to optimize safety, comfort and
6 ease of use, productivity, and performance.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 70B, section 3 shall be amended by adding section 3(x):

8 to consider the feasibility of the integration of ergonomic models appropriate for
9 classrooms and laboratories within the scope of the construction or rehabilitation of a particular
10 proposal; the investment of brick and mortar, and its beneficial impact to the students and faculty
11 of the school.