

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 511**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Establishing Written Consent for Mental Health or Suicide Screening..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, No child attending a public or  
2 private school shall receive mental health or suicide screening without prior written consent of a  
3 parent or legal guardian and shall indicate therein that such parent or guardian has read and  
4 understood the parental notification statements concerning screening and follow-up prior to  
5 actual screening.

6           The Commissioner of Education in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health  
7 shall promulgate regulations to enforce exemption provisions for mental health and or suicide  
8 screenings for every city and town in the commonwealth. The department of education shall  
9 promulgate regulations for adjudicatory proceedings to resolve any and all disputes arising under  
10 this section