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SENATE . . . . . No. 221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to increase parental involvement in education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1D of Chapter 69, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

"Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish a grant program for the purpose of encouraging city, town and regional school districts to devise and implement programs to increase parental involvement in their children's academic experience. The department shall provide said school districts with assistance in developing such programs. Said grants may be made available for, but not limited to,

1. Providing a parental involvement coordinator/parent liaison position;

2. Increasing the frequency or available times of parent/teacher conferences;