

SENATE No. 2278

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Ten

An Act establishing the after school and out of school time coordinating council.

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 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 66. There is hereby established the Massachusetts afterschool and out-of-school
4 time coordinating council, to consist of 29 members: 4 members of the senate; 1 of whom shall
5 be the chair of the senate committee on ways and means; 1 of whom shall be the chair of the
6 joint committee on education; 1 of whom shall be the chair of the joint committee on children,
7 families and persons with disabilities; provided, however, that 1 member of the senate shall be
8 designated as co-chair of the council; 4 members of the house of representatives; 1 of whom
9 shall be the chair of the house committee on ways and means; 1 of whom shall be the chair of the
10 joint committee on education; 1 of whom shall be the chair of the committee on children,
11 families and persons with disabilities; provided, however, that 1 member of the house of
12 representatives shall be designated as co-chair of the council; 21 members appointed by the
13 governor; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of education; and 21 state and municipal
14 representatives from public safety, family and youth services, libraries, parks and recreation

15 departments, art, workforce development, higher education, as well as leaders from public and
16 private schools, community and faith based afterschool and out-of-school time programs, youth
17 representatives, private funders, the business community and parents for the purpose of
18 improving and increasing the access of children and youth to positive development opportunities
19 in their non-school hours

20 Of the members appointed by the governor, 7 shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, 4
21 for a term of 2 years, 4 for a term of 3 years, 3 for a term of 4 years and 3 for a term of 5 years.
22 Upon expiration of the term of a member appointed by the governor, his successor shall be
23 appointed in a like manner for a term of 5years.

24 The council shall review existing state and local programs and policies and make
25 recommendations to strengthen afterschool and out-of-school time programs. Efforts of the
26 council shall include: exploration of new revenue streams at federal, state, municipal and private
27 levels to increase access and quality of programs; creation of a centralized on-line listing of
28 federal, state, local and private funding; increasing public awareness of the importance of
29 afterschool and out-of-school time programs; improving quality and building support throughout
30 the workforce; creating a workforce development program based on national models; fostering
31 partnerships and collaborations; and increasing access to programs and encouraging public and
32 private support that will work to build a sustainable infrastructure for afterschool and out-of-
33 school time programs.

34 The council shall meet not less than 6 times annually. The secretary of the executive
35 office of education shall appoint personnel necessary to coordinate the activities of the council
36 and provide administrative support to the council, as requested. The council shall: (1) develop,

37 coordinate and implement a state afterschool and out-of-school time system, including aligning
38 the efforts of the department of elementary and secondary education; and the department early
39 education and care; (2) make recommendations regarding any legislation and regulations that
40 would affect the afterschool and out-of-school time system of the commonwealth in light of the
41 goals of the council; and (3) prepare and submit an annual progress report. The council shall
42 report to the general court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if
43 any, together with any drafts of legislation necessary to carry out such recommendations, by
44 filing the same with the governor, the clerks of the senate and the house who shall forward the
45 same to the chairs of the joint committee on education, and the joint committee on children,
46 families and persons with disabilities, and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways
47 and means on or before December 31.