

**SENATE . . . . . No. 283**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to promote alternative dispute resolution for students.

*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 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding, in the third  
2 paragraph of subsection 1D of Section 29, the following sentence:- “The board shall also  
3 establish standards for the inclusion in curriculum at all grade levels, frameworks designed to  
4 teach students methods of resolving interpersonal disputes in productive and effective ways and  
5 which shall discourage the use of violence and/or other forms of abuse in the resolution of such  
6 disputes”.