

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1918**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a regional school district planning committee.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                  | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>    | <i>5th Worcester</i>  | <i>1/20/2011</i> |
| <i>Cleon H. Turner</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | <i>2/4/2011</i>  |
| <i>Geraldo Alicea</i>  | <i>6th Worcester</i>  | <i>2/4/2011</i>  |

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1918) of Anne M. Gobi, Cleon H. Turner and Geraldo Alicea relative to creating regional school district planning committees. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a regional school district planning committee.

*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, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking Section 14 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 14. Any town, by either a majority vote of its selectmen or by vote in town  
4 meeting duly called therefore, may create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional  
5 school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the  
6 school committee, to be appointed by the moderator; and may at the same meeting or at a  
7 subsequent meeting appropriate for the expense of said committee such sum or sums, not  
8 exceeding one tenth of one percent of the assessed valuation of such town in the preceding year,  
9 as it may deem necessary. Regional school district planning committee from any two or more  
10 towns may join together to form a regional school district planning board or boards. Such  
11 regional school district planning board shall organize forthwith upon its formation by the  
12 election of a chairman and secretary-treasurer.