

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1941**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

*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 school counseling leadership pilot project to accelerate college and career readiness in Massachusetts public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1941) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to establishing a school counseling leadership pilot project to accelerate college and career readiness in the public schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 470 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act establishing a school counseling leadership pilot project to accelerate college and career readiness in Massachusetts public schools.

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

1           This legislation will create a two-year Pilot Project for ten school districts to accelerate  
2 college and career readiness through implementation of the MA Comprehensive School  
3 Counseling Program Model. Strategies will be researched to more fully utilize the new college  
4 and career web portal at the school district level. The study will also examine how school  
5 counselor work time can be redistributed to meaningfully integrate college and career planning  
6 throughout the district and community. Rigorous evaluation will be included with the goal of  
7 producing evidence-based standards for comprehensive school counseling programs that are  
8 highly effective in promoting college and career readiness in Massachusetts districts struggling  
9 to close the achievement gap. Results will provide a set of evidence-supported strategies that can  
10 be implemented across the Commonwealth. The project will be managed by the Department of

- 11 Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) with input from a broad array of stakeholders in
- 12 college and career readiness. The two-year cost will be \$700,000 and implementation of the Pilot
- 13 Project is dependent upon legislative appropriation.