

HOUSE No. 3923

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to school improvement plans.

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. Section 1 I of chapter 69 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences of the tenth paragraph
3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

4 Each school improvement plan shall be submitted to the superintendent and the school
5 committee for review and approval not later than July 1 of the year in which the plan is to be
6 implemented, according to a plan development and review schedule established by the district
7 superintendent, provided that a school committee may designate the superintendent to review
8 and approve the plan on its behalf.

9 SECTION 2. Section 59C of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by striking out the fifth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
11 paragraph:-

12 The principal of each school, in consultation with the school council established pursuant
13 to this section, shall on an annual basis, in conformity with the provisions of section 1 I of

14 chapter 69, develop and submit for approval by the district superintendent and school committee
15 a plan for improving student performance, provided that a school committee may designate the
16 superintendent to review and approve the plan on its behalf. Plans shall be prepared in a manner
17 and form prescribed by the department of elementary and secondary education and shall conform
18 to any policies and practices of the district consistent therewith. Action to approve or disapprove
19 the school improvement plans shall be completed on or before July 1 of the year in which the
20 plan is to be implemented; otherwise the plan shall be deemed to have been approved. In the
21 event that the actions of the superintendent and the school committee are not in agreement with
22 one another, the plan shall be returned to the principal who shall, after consultation with the
23 school council, resubmit the plan to the superintendent and the school committee for approval,
24 consistent with any comments of the superintendent and the school committee.