

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 582**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kevin Aguiar*

*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 relative to annual immunization against influenza for children..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Kevin Aguiar*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*7th Bristol*

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By Mr. Aguiar of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 582) of Kevin Aguiar relative to annual immunization against influenza for children. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2045 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to annual immunization against influenza for children..

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 220: (I) The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring a public or private  
4 secondary school, public and private providers of early education to distribute to the parent or  
5 guardian of a child in its care information regarding the benefits of annual immunization against  
6 influenza for children six (6) months of age to eighteen (18) years of age. This information shall  
7 include the causes and symptoms of the disease, how it is spread, and how to obtain additional  
8 information regarding the disease and the effectiveness and risks of vaccinations against the  
9 disease.

10           (II) The commissioner shall work with the commissioners of the department of early  
11 education and care and the department of elementary and secondary to ensure that the  
12 information is annually distributed to parents in August or September.