

# SENATE . . . . . No. 192

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 authorizing a study of starting times and schedules.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*Martha M. Walz*

*8th Suffolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 192) of Cynthia S. Creem and Martha M. Walz for legislation to authorize a study of school day starting times and schedules. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 219 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act authorizing a study of starting times and schedules.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2   department of education is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a comprehensive study  
3   relative to the affect which high school starting times have on the academic performance of  
4   students. Said study shall include, but not be limited to, a survey of high school starting times  
5   and the duration of high school academic hours throughout the commonwealth, and shall make  
6   findings relative to the affect which high school starting times have on student academic  
7   performance. Provided further, that such study shall make recommendations relative to whether  
8   high school starting times should be scheduled later in the morning, and how school districts can  
9   adapt school day starting times to enhance student education. Said study shall also review and  
10   make recommendations relative to other school day scheduling issues which affect high school  
11   starting times. Said department, in the conduct of said study shall examine relevant scientific

12 studies and academic research, and shall request comment and suggestions from students,  
13 teachers, and education policy makers, provided further, that said department shall conduct no  
14 less than two public hearings to ensure public input and comment. A copy of said study shall be  
15 filed with the senate and house clerks and the senate and house chairmen of the Joint Committee  
16 on Education not later than six months after the enactment of this act.