

**SENATE . . . . . No. 203**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

*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 providing fair process for students with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 203) of James B. Eldridge, Kay Khan, Jennifer E. Benson, Tom Sannicandro and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide fair process for students with disabilities. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 227 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act providing fair process for students with disabilities.

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

1 Chapter 71B of the General Laws, is hereby amended in Section 3 by inserting  
2 after the third sentence of paragraph 12 the following sentence:

3 "The school committee shall have the burden of proof in any proceeding conducted  
4 pursuant to this section."