

**SENATE . . . . . No. 244**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

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*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 to promote alternative dispute resolution for students..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*Michael R. Knapik*

*Karen E. Spilka*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 244) of Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik and Karen E. Spilka for legislation to promote alternative dispute resolution for students. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 283 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to promote alternative dispute resolution for students..

*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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding, in the third  
2 paragraph of subsection 1D of Section 29, the following sentence:- “The board shall also  
3 establish standards for the inclusion in curriculum at all grade levels, frameworks designed to  
4 teach students methods of resolving interpersonal disputes in productive and effective ways and  
5 which shall discourage the use of violence and/or other forms of abuse in the resolution of such  
6 disputes”.