

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 402**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi and Cleon H. Turner*

*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 establishing a regional school district planning committee.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	

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By Representatives Gobi of Spencer and Turner of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 402) of Anne M. Gobi, Cleon H. Turner and others relative to creating regional school district planning committees. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1918 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act establishing a regional school district planning committee.

*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, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking Section 14 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 14. Any town, by either a majority vote of its selectmen or by vote in town  
4 meeting duly called therefore, may create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional  
5 school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the  
6 school committee, to be appointed by the moderator; and may at the same meeting or at a  
7 subsequent meeting appropriate for the expense of said committee such sum or sums, not  
8 exceeding one tenth of one percent of the assessed valuation of such town in the preceding year,  
9 as it may deem necessary. Regional school district planning committee from any two or more  
10 towns may join together to form a regional school district planning board or boards. Such  
11 regional school district planning board shall organize forthwith upon its formation by the  
12 election of a chairman and secretary-treasurer.