

HOUSE No. 414

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 school improvement plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Patricia A. Haddad

5th Bristol

Alice Hanlon Peisch

14th Norfolk

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 414) of Patricia A. Haddad and Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to school improvement plans. Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to school improvement plans.

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. Section 1 I of chapter 69 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences of the tenth paragraph
3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

4 Each school improvement plan shall be submitted to the superintendent who shall review
5 and recommend said plan to the school committee for review and approval not later than July 1
6 of the year in which the plan is to be implemented, according to a plan development and review
7 schedule established by the district superintendent, provided that a school committee may
8 designate the superintendent to review and approve the plan on its behalf.

9 SECTION 2. Section 59C of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by striking out the fifth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
11 paragraph:-

12 The principal of each school, in consultation with the school council established pursuant
13 to this section, shall on an annual basis, in conformity with the provisions of section 1 I of
14 chapter 69, develop and submit to the district superintendent a plan for improving student
15 performance. The superintendent shall review and recommend such plan to the school
16 committee, provided that a school committee may designate the superintendent to review and
17 approve the plan on its behalf. Plans shall be prepared in a manner and form prescribed by the
18 department of elementary and secondary education and shall conform to any policies and
19 practices of the district consistent therewith. Action to approve or disapprove the school
20 improvement plans shall be completed within 45 days of the recommendation from the
21 superintendent; otherwise the plan shall be deemed to have been approved. In the event that the

22 superintendent does not recommend the plan, the plan shall be returned to the principal who
23 shall, after consultation with the school council, resubmit the plan to the superintendent who
24 shall review and recommend said plan to and the school committee for approval, consistent with
25 any comments of the superintendent and the school committee.

26 SECTION 3. Failing such plan recommendation by the superintendent by July 1, or such
27 approval by the school committee by August 16, a subcommittee consisting of the school
28 committee chair or other member designated by the chair, the superintendent or his designee and
29 a parent member of the school council chosen by the school council, shall have the authority to
30 establish the plan.