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HOUSE . . . . . No. 420

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan Hecht

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 concerning genocide education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*

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By Mr. Hecht of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 420) of Jonathan Hecht and others for legislation to provide that the subject of genocide be included in the curriculum of the public schools of the Commonwealth. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1064* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act concerning genocide education.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 67. Genocide, shall be included in the Massachusetts history and social science curriculum frameworks for United States and world history. Case studies of at least 2 such genocides may be used to demonstrate the concept of genocide. Such case studies may include, but are not limited to, the genocide of Armenian Christians, the Holocaust and Nazi concentration camps, the genocide of Cambodians by the Khmer Rouge, the genocide of Bosnian Muslims, the genocide of Rwandan Tutsis and the genocide of Darfurians by the Sudanese government.

The department shall recommend curricular materials detailing the underlying causes, international reaction, progression and aftermath of the aforementioned genocides, including those recommendations established by chapter 276 of the acts of 1998.

The department may provide trainings, seminars, conferences and materials for educators to use in the teaching of genocide.