

HOUSE No. 458

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 education collaboratives.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i> | <i>14th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/18/2013</i> |
| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i> | <i>13th Norfolk</i> | |

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 458) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Denise C. Garlick relative to education collaboratives. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to education collaboratives.

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. Education collaboratives formed under section 4E of chapter 40 of the
2 General Laws shall be organized into designated regions established by the board of elementary
3 and secondary education. The board shall determine the geographic boundaries and composition
4 of such regions according to the recommendations of the special commission on education
5 collaboratives established pursuant to section 5 of chapter 43 of the acts of 2012.

6 Each region shall establish a regional advisory council consisting of the executive
7 directors of each education collaborative within the region. Each regional advisory council shall:
8 (1) identify regional needs and priorities for educational services; (2) develop policies to
9 coordinate the delivery of services to school districts in a manner that responds to regional needs
10 and priorities; and (3) work in partnership with the department of elementary and secondary
11 education and other regional entities to coordinate the dissemination of information and support
12 to districts. Each regional advisory council shall meet not fewer than 6 times annually.

13 SECTION 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall encourage the
14 use of education collaboratives formed under section 4E of chapter 40 of the General Laws as
15 providers of educational services and programs for local school districts and may give special
16 consideration to grant applications that indicate the use of education collaboratives for the
17 purpose of procuring services and programs.