

SENATE No. 41

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 adolescent development.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Harriette L. Chandler

First Worcester

Gale D. Candaras

First Hampden and Hampshire

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 41) of Harriette L. Chandler and Gale D. Candaras for legislation relative to adolescent development. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to adolescent development.

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. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services is hereby directed to
2 develop a plan to identify and treat adolescents at risk of committing mass violence. This plan
3 should emphasize individuals' risk profile, not the presence or absence of mental illness. The
4 plan should build on the Report on Patient and Staff Safety completed in 2011, but also
5 consider additional sources of information in order to address the challenges presented by all
6 young people, whether or not they have been diagnosed with mental illness.