

**SENATE . . . . . No. 41**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Harriette L. Chandler***

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*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.

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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.

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**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.