

HOUSE No. 408

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Randy Hunt

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 parental notification for out-of-school-district counseling referrals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/21/2015</i>

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By Mr. Hunt of Sandwich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 408) of Randy Hunt and others relative to parental notification for out-of-school-district counseling referrals. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to parental notification for out-of-school-district counseling referrals.

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 37L of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is

3 hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following:-

4 No counselor, therapist, social worker, teacher or other individual who provides
5 counseling, guidance, or instructional services for the school district of a city or town, a regional
6 school district, a vocational school district, or a charter school, may refer a student under the age
7 of 18 (eighteen) years to, nor provide the contact information, business card, brochure, or other
8 informational materials of, an individual, organization, or entity not employed by or under the
9 direct control of the school district to which that student belongs without receiving prior written
10 consent from that student's parents or legal guardian except in the case where abuse or neglect by
11 a student's parent or legal guardian is strongly and reasonably suspected.