

HOUSE No. 454

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 school attendance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>8/27/2019</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 454) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to school attendance. Education.

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

An Act relative to school attendance.

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 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking lines 111 to 114, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the
3 following paragraph:-

4 The board shall promulgate regulations establishing the mandatory ages for school
5 attendance, including the minimum and maximum permissible ages for school attendance,
6 provided that each child shall be required to attend an approved kindergarten program in a public
7 or private setting or in a community-based program licensed by the department of early
8 education and care. Said regulations shall include mandatory attendance guidelines necessary for
9 kindergarten completion. Said regulations shall include a process for school districts or
10 Commonwealth charter schools to provide exemptions for advanced students to attend school
11 beginning in first grade. Said regulations shall also address the types of alternative education
12 programs or settings that are suitable for individuals who exceed the maximum permissible age
13 of attendance who do not have a high school diploma or the equivalent.