

**SENATE . . . . . No. 294**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

*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 providing time to develop better measures of and assistance for student learning.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>6/9/2015</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>6/9/2015</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>6/10/2015</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>6/11/2015</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>6/11/2015</i>
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>10/15/2015</i>

<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>10/22/2015</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>10/27/2015</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 294) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Shawn Dooley, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Diana DiZoglio and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide time to develop better measures of and assistance for student learning. Education.

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

An Act providing time to develop better measures of and assistance for student learning.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, implementation  
2 of the department of elementary and secondary education’s five-level rating system provided for  
3 in 603 CMR 203 (1) is suspended until three years after the effective date of this act.

4           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
5 commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall not issue new “underperforming” or  
6 “chronically underperforming” designations for schools or districts, as provided for in sections  
7 1J and 1K of chapter 69 of the General Laws, until three years after the effective date of this act.