

SENATE No. 341

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 to promote alternative dispute resolution for students.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i> | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> |

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 341) of Bruce E. Tarr and Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation to promote alternative dispute resolution for students. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 275 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act to promote alternative dispute resolution for students.

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. Section 37O of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “law” in line 115, the following
3 sentence:- “The board shall also establish standards for the inclusion in curriculum at all grade
4 levels, frameworks designed to teach students methods of resolving interpersonal disputes in
5 productive and effective ways and which shall discourage the use of violence and/or other forms
6 of abuse in the resolution of such disputes”.