

SENATE No. 62

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Harriette L. Chandler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 62) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to adolescent development. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 41 OF 2013-2014.]

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

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 consider
5 additional sources of information in order to address the challenges presented by all young
6 people, whether or not they have been diagnosed with mental illness.