

HOUSE No. 2022

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio and Sean Garballey

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 civic education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	

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By Representatives DiZoglio of Methuen and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2022) of Diana DiZoglio, Sean Garballey and others that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education develop a civic education curriculum to be included within the history and social science curriculum of public schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 346 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to civic education in public schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a model
3 curriculum, which shall be included within the history and/or social science curriculum. The
4 topics addressed shall include: (i) the history of voting as a constitutional right; (ii) the process of
5 registering to vote, with explanations of registration deadlines and election day education, the
6 initiative petition and referendum process and the overall election process, including descriptions
7 of the various elected offices and their terms; (iii) the makeup and role of the 3 branches of
8 government: executive, legislative, and judicial and the 3 levels of government: local, state, and
9 federal government; (iv) the history of political movements and current events, and (v) civic

- 10 related, service-learning projects. The department shall establish standards to evaluate this
- 11 curriculum and thereafter create a pilot program to be implemented for school districts.