

HOUSE No. 2062

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frank I. Smizik

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 charter schools.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Frank I. Smizik</i> | <i>15th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | |

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By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2062) of Frank I. Smizik and others relative to commonwealth charter school applications. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 485 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to charter 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 Section1- Section 89 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at
2 the end thereof the following:

3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, only commonwealth charter school applications that have
4 received the approval of the elected local or regional school committee(s), or voters of school
5 district(s) or regional school district(s) at town meetings or at general elections, shall be funded
6 pursuant to the provisions of this section. Approval of an application by the board without the
7 approval of either the elected school committee or the voters of the district(s) pursuant to
8 subsection (nn) of this section shall be funded by the board, exclusive of Chapter 70 or other
9 local funds.

10 Section 2- Section 89 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at
11 the end thereof the following:

12 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, commonwealth charter
13 school applications may be approved by any of the following actions: by the approval of the
14 application by the elected school committee for each school district from which the charter
15 school is expected to enroll students, by the approval of the voters at town meetings of each town
16 from which the charter school is expected to enroll students, or in a city by the approval of the
17 city council, by whatever title it may be known, and the Mayor, or in the alternative by vote at a
18 general biennial state election by municipalities from which the charter school is expected to
19 enroll students, or by the approval of the board. Applications that have received the aforesaid
20 local approval for a commonwealth charter school shall comply with the provisions for such
21 submission pursuant to the applicable provisions of this section.

22 Section 3- This act shall apply only to commonwealth charter school applications
23 submitted after the date upon which the act becomes effective.