

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2868**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

*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 increase access to high quality summer learning opportunities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>

*Gailanne M. Cariddi*

*1st Berkshire*

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2868) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others for legislation to authorize the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a grant program to support the development and expansion of high quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high concentrations of low income students. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4033 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to increase access to high quality summer learning opportunities.

*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. Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 1P the following section:-

3           Section 1Q. The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a  
4 grant program, subject to appropriation, to support the development and expansion of high  
5 quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high  
6 concentrations of low income students.

7           The department shall establish requirements for grant applicants, provided that grants  
8 shall be awarded to programs that: (i) include at least 150 hours of programming with a focus on

9 academic and college and career readiness skills, including critical thinking, collaboration and  
10 perseverance; (ii) are research-based summer programs; and (iii) engage a variety of  
11 organizations and leverage a cost-sharing partnership with local districts, private funders and  
12 non-profit institutions.

13 The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall annually evaluate the  
14 effectiveness of programs established under this section, including the potential for replicating  
15 such programs throughout the commonwealth. The commissioner shall also provide technical  
16 assistance to school districts seeking to replicate programs funded under this section.