

HOUSE No. 305

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 relative to hazing in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 305) of Alice Hanlon Peisch, Elizabeth A. Poirier and Rady Mom relative to hazing in public elementary or secondary schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to hazing in 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 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 37O of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “cyber-
3 bullying”, in line 19, the following words: - and hazing as defined in section 17 of chapter 269.

4 SECTION 2. Section 18 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: -

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, hazing incidents that involve students
7 enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school district shall be reported according to the
8 procedures and requirements prescribed in section 37O of chapter 71.

9 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the annual
10 interscholastic athletic head injury safety program required under section 222 of chapter 111
11 shall also include educational materials and training on hazing as defined in section 17 of chapter
12 269.