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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 11, 2018.

The committee on Education to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 308) of Michael F. Rush, Marjorie C. Decker, James E. Timilty, Louis L. Kafka and other members of the General Court for legislation to strengthen and invest in our educators, students, and communities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 235) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to mandate recess for elementary school children and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2848) of Paul K. Frost and others relative to mandatory recess time in elementary schools, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4391) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ALICE HANLON PEISCH.

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

An Act relative to recess for elementary school children.

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

Section 1G of Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following subsection:-

(1) The department shall survey district policies regarding the time, frequency, and structure of recess offered to students in grades kindergarten through five, as well as the extent to which schools are in compliance with such district policies. The department shall deliver the findings to the chairs of the joint committee on education by December 31, 2018.

(2) The department shall issue guidelines for districts to use when developing policies on recess, including appropriate length of time, frequency, and structure for students in grades kindergarten through five.