

SENATE No. 211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph A. Boncore

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 forestalling fake news through reading comprehension.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Joseph A. Boncore</i> | <i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Eric P. Lesser</i> | <i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 211) of Joseph A. Boncore and Eric P. Lesser for legislation relative to civic online reasoning to identify fake news on the internet. Education.

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

An Act forestalling fake news through reading comprehension.

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: (a) The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop a
2 revised English Language Arts curriculum framework and History and Social Science
3 curriculum framework that incorporates course work on civic online reasoning.

4 (b) for the purposes of this section, “civic online reasoning” shall mean the ability to
5 assess the credibility and quality of information found on the internet, including social media,
6 through critical reading and analysis skills.