

SENATE No. 2112

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, July 13, 2017

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to the promotion of mental health education in Massachusetts high schools (Senate, No. 256),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2112)

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act relative to the promotion of mental health education in Massachusetts high 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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 2C the following section: -

3 Section 2D. A public high school may incorporate an optional mental health promotion
4 component to the comprehensive health education curriculum; provided, however, that the
5 mental health promotion component shall meet comprehensive health education curriculum
6 standards. The mental health promotion component may provide supplemental instruction in
7 areas including, but not limited to, mental health, mental illness, teenage brain development,
8 stress management, physical health, violence prevention, ecological and community health and
9 overcoming mental illness stigma.