

SENATE No. 302

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives

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 substance abuse education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 302) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives, James B. Eldridge and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation relative to substance abuse education in public schools. Education.

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

An Act relative to substance abuse education in public 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 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 95. The department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with
3 the department of public health and the substance abuse advisory committee established in this
4 section shall develop a model curriculum designed for the purpose of substance abuse and
5 addiction prevention which shall align with the health curriculum framework and address the
6 following topics: tobacco, alcohol, opiate and prescription drug diversion and abuse and other
7 substance use and abuse prevention, conflict resolution, healthy coping behavior, student and
8 community mental health resources and peer leadership. The curriculum shall take into account
9 the best practices and policies in other states. The adolescent substance abuse and addiction
10 prevention curriculum shall be incorporated into the health curriculum in grades 4 to 12 for all
11 students in the public schools.

12 The department of elementary and secondary education shall convene a substance abuse
13 advisory committee to investigate and study the development and implementation process for
14 reducing adolescent substance abuse for public school students. The substance abuse advisory
15 committee in formulating its recommendations, shall take into account the best practices and
16 policies in other states.

17 The substance abuse advisory committee shall consist of 11 members: 2 of whom shall be
18 national experts on adolescent substance abuse and addiction; 2 of whom shall be members of
19 the student advisory council; 2 of whom shall be members of teens leading the way; 2 of whom
20 shall be members of the governors youth council; 2 of whom shall be members of the
21 legislature’s joint committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse; 2 of whom shall be
22 members of the Joint Committee on Education; 1 of whom shall be a member of the Attorney
23 General’s opiate abuse task force. The department shall create an evaluation assessing the
24 curriculum and teaching materials before piloting this program.

25 SECTION 2. The state shall fully fund all costs associated with the implementation of
26 this act.

27 SECTION 3. The substance abuse advisory committee shall report to the general court
28 the results of its investigation and study and any recommendations by filing the same with the
29 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the same to the chairs of
30 the joint committee on education and the chairs of the joint committee on education and the joint
31 committee on mental health and substance abuse on or before January 1, 2016.

32 SDECTION 4. The model curriculum established in SECTION 1 shall be developed on
33 or before June 30, 2015.