

**SENATE . . . . . No. 303**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

*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 to increase substance abuse prevention and education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 303) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Richard J. Ross, Sheila C. Harrington, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others for legislation to increase substance abuse prevention and education in public schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to increase substance abuse prevention and 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           Section 96 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end  
2 the following:-

3           All public schools must hold at least one assembly for students in their final year of high  
4 school education where they clearly issue a statement developed by the school committee in  
5 cooperation with the department of public health that illustrates the statistics and dangers of  
6 opioid addiction in the region and its repercussions and the Good Samaritan laws relating to  
7 overdose prevention.