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HOUSE . . . . . No. 503

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 parental notification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/17/2019*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*	*1/17/2019*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*1/17/2019*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/30/2019*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*1/31/2019*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*	*1/28/2019*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*1/28/2019*
William L. Crocker, Jr.	*2nd Barnstable*	*1/28/2019*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*	*1/29/2019*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*1/30/2019*
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*	*1/30/2019*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*	*1/31/2019*
Donald H. Wong	*9th Essex*	*1/31/2019*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 503) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to parental options of enrolling children in elective courses involving sexual education rather than opting out of mandatory courses. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to parental notification.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 32A. Every city, town, regional school district or vocational school district implementing or maintaining curriculum, or a school sanctioned program or activity, which primarily involves human sexual education, human sexuality issues, or sexual orientation issues shall adopt a written policy ensuring parental or legal guardian notification.

Such curriculum programs and activities, which primarily involve human sexual education, human sexuality issues, or sexual orientation, shall be offered only in clearly identified non-mandatory elective courses in which parents or guardians may choose to enroll their children through written notification to the school, in a manner reasonably similar to other elective courses offered by the school district.

To the extent practicable, instruction materials and related items for said curriculum, programs, and activities shall be made reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators, school administrators, and others for inspection and review.

No public school teacher or administrator shall be required to participate in any such curriculum program and activities which primarily involves human sexual education, human sexuality issues, or sexual orientation issues that violate his or her religious beliefs.