

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy

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 concerning genocide education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jeffrey N. Roy	10th Norfolk	1/14/2019
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	1/17/2019
David K. Muradian, Jr.	9th Worcester	1/17/2019
Carole A. Fiola	6th Bristol	1/16/2019
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	1/22/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	1/22/2019
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	1/22/2019
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	1/22/2019
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	1/22/2019
Frank A. Moran	17th Essex	1/22/2019
Sheila C. Harrington	1st Middlesex	1/25/2019
Daniel Cahill	10th Essex	1/23/2019
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	1/27/2019
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	1/27/2019
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	1/27/2019
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk	1/27/2019
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	1/27/2019
Alan Silvia	7th Bristol	1/27/2019

Tommy Vitolo	15th Norfolk	1/27/2019
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	1/28/2019
RoseLee Vincent	16th Suffolk	1/28/2019
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	1/28/2019
Michael J. Soter	8th Worcester	1/28/2019
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	1/28/2019
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	1/28/2019
Walter F. Timilty	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth	1/28/2019
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Adrian C. Madaro	1st Suffolk	1/28/2019
Tram T. Nguyen	18th Essex	1/29/2019
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	1/29/2019
Christina A. Minicucci	14th Essex	1/29/2019
Maria Duaime Robinson	6th Middlesex	1/29/2019
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk	1/29/2019
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	1/29/2019
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	1/29/2019
Paul W. Mark	2nd Berkshire	1/29/2019
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex	1/29/2019
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	1/29/2019
Joseph D. McKenna	18th Worcester	1/30/2019
Daniel R. Cullinane	12th Suffolk	1/30/2019
Michael S. Day	31st Middlesex	1/30/2019
Michael J. Finn	6th Hampden	1/30/2019
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	1/30/2019
Joseph A. Boncore	First Suffolk and Middlesex	1/31/2019
John Barrett, III	1st Berkshire	1/31/2019
Aaron Michlewitz	3rd Suffolk	1/31/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Bud L. Williams	11th Hampden	1/31/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/31/2019
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester	1/31/2019
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	1/31/2019
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	1/31/2019
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester	1/31/2019
David F. DeCoste	5th Plymouth	1/31/2019

Brendan P. Crighton	Third Essex	1/31/2019
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	1/31/2019
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	1/31/2019
Richard M. Haggerty	30th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Rady Mom	18th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester	1/31/2019
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	1/31/2019
Daniel R. Carey	2nd Hampshire	1/31/2019
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	1/31/2019
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk	1/31/2019
Paul F. Tucker	7th Essex	1/31/2019
Michelle L. Ciccolo	15th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Thomas P. Walsh	12th Essex	1/31/2019
Nika C. Elugardo	15th Suffolk	1/31/2019
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	1/31/2019
Natalie M. Blais	1st Franklin	2/1/2019
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	2/1/2019
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Bradford Hill	4th Essex	2/1/2019
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	2/1/2019
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	2/1/2019
Jon Santiago	9th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	2/1/2019
Eric P. Lesser	First Hampden and Hampshire	2/1/2019
William J. Driscoll, Jr.	7th Norfolk	2/1/2019
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	2/1/2019
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	2/1/2019
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk	2/1/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	2/1/2019
Josh S. Cutler	6th Plymouth	2/1/2019
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/1/2019

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 566) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others relative to requiring instruction on the Holocaust and genocide in public schools. Education.

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

An Act concerning genocide education.

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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby Amended by adding the following
section:-

3 Section 98. Every school district shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on 4 the Holocaust and genocide, utilizing, but not being limited to, the Massachusetts History and 5 Social Science Curriculum Framework disseminated by the Department of Elementary and 6 Secondary Education. Acts of genocide across the globe shall be taught consistent with the 7 frameworks to address the notion that national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred can overtake 8 any nation or society, leading to calamitous consequences. To reinforce that lesson, such 9 curriculum unit shall include the Nazi atrocities of 1933 to 1945 known as the Holocaust, and 10 other genocides including, but not limited to, the Armenian Genocide, the Famine-Genocide in 11 Ukraine known as Holodomor, the Pontian Greek Genocide, and more recent atrocities in 12 Bosnia, Cambodia, Rwanda, and Sudan. The studying of this material is a reaffirmation of the

13 commitment of free peoples from all nations to never again permit the occurrence of another genocide and a recognition that crimes of genocide continue to be perpetrated across the globe as 14 they have been in the past, and to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human 15 16 suffering wherever they may occur. 17 The department shall recommend curricular materials detailing the underlying causes, 18 international reaction, progression and aftermath of the aforementioned genocides, including 19 those recommendations established by chapter 276 of the acts of 1998. Nothing herein shall 20 require school districts to require genocide instruction in every year of middle school and high 21 school, but that genocide education and instruction shall be utilized during appropriate times in 22 the middle school and/or high school curricula, as determined by the local authority. All students

should have received instruction on genocide by the time they have graduated from high school.

24 The department may provide trainings, seminars, conferences and materials for educators25 to use in the teaching of genocide.