

HOUSE No. 566

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

<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
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<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
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<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
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<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
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<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

HOUSE No. 566

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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**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:

1 Section 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby Amended by adding the following
2 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
14 genocide and a recognition that crimes of genocide continue to be perpetrated across the globe as
15 they have been in the past, and to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human
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
23 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 educators
25 to use in the teaching of genocide.