

SENATE No. 731

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dean A. Tran

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 the promotion of mental health education in Massachusetts high schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 731) of Dean A. Tran, Brian M. Ashe and David Paul Linsky for legislation to promote mental health education in Massachusetts high schools. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2112 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to the promotion of mental health education in Massachusetts high 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 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 2C the following section: -

3 Section 2D. A public high school may incorporate an optional mental health promotion
4 component to the comprehensive health education curriculum; provided, however, that the
5 mental health promotion component shall meet comprehensive health education curriculum
6 standards. The mental health promotion component may provide supplemental instruction in
7 areas including, but not limited to, mental health, mental illness, teenage brain development,
8 stress management, physical health, violence prevention, ecological and community health and
9 overcoming mental illness stigma.