

HOUSE No. 537

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 ensure representation of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils on school committees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/20/2021</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 537) of James Arciero and others relative to representation of special education parent advisory councils on school committees. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to ensure representation of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils on school committees.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, each
2 school district in Massachusetts, being required by Massachusetts Law, as specifically outlined
3 in Chapter 71B, and in regulations 603 CMR 28.07(4) and 603 CMR 28.03 (1)(a)(4), to support
4 Special Education Parent Advisory Councils, shall provide an ex-officio, nonvoting seat on the
5 school committee to a representative from the school district’s SEPAC, without the right to
6 attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the district's school
7 committee. The SEPAC shall elect the representative from their membership annually, and in
8 accordance with their bylaws, and shall notify the school committee of their selection within 30
9 days of election. Said SEPAC representative shall be subject to all school committee rules and
10 regulations and shall serve without compensation.