

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 537**

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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>1/21/2021</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.

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