

HOUSE No. 627

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 non-academic surveys administered in a public school.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/21/2021</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>3/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>4/7/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 627) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Mathew J. Muratore and Steven S. Howitt for legislation to require school districts to adopt a policy governing the administration of non-academic surveys or questionnaires to students. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 506 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act relative to non-academic surveys administered in a public school.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary,
2 each school district shall adopt a policy governing the administration of non-academic surveys or
3 questionnaires to students. The policy shall require school districts to notify a parent or legal
4 guardian of a non-academic survey or questionnaire and its purpose. The policy shall provide
5 that no student shall be required to volunteer for or submit to a non-academic survey or
6 questionnaire, as defined in this paragraph, without written consent of a parent or legal guardian
7 unless the student is an adult or an emancipated minor. The school district shall make such
8 surveys or questionnaires available, at the school and on the school or school district's website,
9 and for review by a student's parent or legal guardian at least 10 days prior to distribution to
10 students. The policy shall also allow a parent or legal guardian to opt out of the non-academic

11 survey or questionnaire either in writing or electronically. For the purposes of this paragraph,
12 "non-academic survey or questionnaire" shall mean surveys, questionnaires, or other documents
13 designed to elicit information about a student's social behavior, family life, religion, politics,
14 sexual orientation, sexual activity, drug use, or any other information not related to a student's
15 academics.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.