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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 establishing a cultural diversity curriculum in Massachusetts public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*	*3/19/2021*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*	*3/22/2021*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*	*3/22/2021*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*3/25/2021*
Bud L. Williams	*11th Hampden*	*3/26/2021*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*3/26/2021*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*3/26/2021*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*3/26/2021*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*3/26/2021*
Michael P. Kushmerek	*3rd Worcester*	*3/26/2021*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*	*3/26/2021*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*3/27/2021*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*3/28/2021*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*3/29/2021*
Carole A. Fiola	*6th Bristol*	*3/29/2021*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*3/29/2021*
John Barrett, III	*1st Berkshire*	*3/30/2021*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*	*3/30/2021*

Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*	*3/30/2021*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*3/30/2021*
Steven C. Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*3/31/2021*
Christina A. Minicucci	*14th Essex*	*4/2/2021*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*4/21/2021*

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and others for legislation to establish a cultural diversity curriculum in elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing a cultural diversity curriculum in Massachusetts public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 98. The commissioner shall establish a cultural diversity curriculum to be implemented in elementary and secondary schools in the commonwealth. The purpose of the curriculum shall be to promote cultural diversity awareness among the children of Massachusetts including, but not limited to, educating students on diverse world cultures, heritages and backgrounds; highlighting the history of diverse cultures and peoples in shaping the United States of America and Massachusetts; and fostering respect for and appreciation of cultures, heritages, and backgrounds that students may otherwise not be aware of or have gained exposure to. The curriculum may be integrated into existing subject areas as to best promote cultural diversity awareness among a range of topics.

SECTION 2. The commissioner shall establish a plan to implement the cultural diversity curriculum at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.