

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1318**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 mental health of children in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1318) of John C. Velis, Michael O. Moore and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation relative to the mental health of children in schools. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the mental health of children in 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           The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in section  
2 2 of chapter 341 of the acts of 2020, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "thereto" the  
3 following words:- ; provided further, that absences shall also be permitted for behavioral health  
4 concerns.