

SENATE No. 2047

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 prohibiting taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>9/15/2021</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2047) of Diana DiZoglio and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to prohibit taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act prohibiting taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 219 the
2 following new section:-

3 Section 220. (a) As used in this section, the term “governmental entity” shall mean the
4 executive branch, the legislature, the judiciary, and any agency, office, department, board,
5 commission, bureau, division, instrumentality or other entity of the commonwealth.

6 (b) No governmental entity shall include or permit the inclusion of a nondisclosure, non-
7 disparagement or other similar clause as a condition of employment or in a settlement agreement
8 between the governmental entity and an employee or a student; provided, however, that such a
9 settlement may include, at the request of the employee or student, a provision that prevents the
10 governmental entity from disclosing the individual’s identity and all facts that could lead to the
11 discovery of the individual’s identity.