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HOUSE . . . . . No. 465

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carol A. Doherty and Ryan M. Hamilton

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 comprehensive school counseling programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Carol A. Doherty	*3rd Bristol*	*1/20/2023*
Ryan M. Hamilton	*15th Essex*	*1/20/2023*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*2/6/2023*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*2/9/2023*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/9/2023*
Rodney M. Elliott	*16th Middlesex*	*2/19/2023*
Shirley B. Arriaga	*8th Hampden*	*2/27/2023*
Sally P. Kerans	*13th Essex*	*2/27/2023*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*3/9/2023*
Walter F. Timilty	*Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol*	*3/14/2023*
Adrianne Pusateri Ramos	*14th Essex*	*4/5/2023*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*4/22/2023*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*7/21/2023*
Andres X. Vargas	*3rd Essex*	*9/5/2023*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/3/2024*
Daniel M. Donahue	*16th Worcester*	*1/17/2024*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*1/17/2024*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*1/17/2024*

Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*1/31/2024*
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*1/31/2024*
Steven Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*2/13/2024*
Francisco E. Paulino	*16th Essex*	*2/13/2024*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*2/22/2024*

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By Representatives Doherty of Taunton and Hamilton of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 465) of Carol A. Doherty, Ryan M. Hamilton and others relative to establishing comprehensive school counseling programs. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act establishing comprehensive school counseling programs.

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

Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting the following:-

"Each public school district shall develop and implement a comprehensive school counseling program that adheres to the Massachusetts Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs and ensures all pre-K to grade twelve (12) students will receive school counseling services from licensed school counselors. In accordance with the Model, each school counselor is to spend at least eighty percent (80%) of that school counselor's time providing direct or indirect services to students. To maintain equity in student access to a school counselor, each district shall provide one (1) school counselor for a maximum of two hundred fifty (250) students, the nationally recommended average."