

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

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

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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.

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**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:

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

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