

HOUSE No. 491

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 science curriculum standards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 491) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to science curriculum standards. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 607 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to science curriculum standards.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1D of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 31, after the word "States" the
3 following:-

4 The standards for the subject of science shall include only peer-reviewed and age-
5 appropriate subject matter; provided, (1) peer-reviewed subject matter shall be defined as
6 conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods; and (2) age-appropriate shall be
7 defined as topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of
8 children and adolescents, based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity
9 typical for the age or age group.