

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 575**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Danillo A. Sena***

*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 to strengthen suicide prevention in schools.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>8/4/2023</i>

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By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 575) of Danillo A. Sena and others for legislation to strengthen suicide prevention in schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 5134 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to strengthen suicide prevention 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 SECTION 1. Section 95 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 29, the words "3 years" and inserting  
3 in place thereof the word "year".

4 SECTION 2. Section 95 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 30, the words "6 months" and  
6 inserting in place thereof the words "60 days".

7 SECTION 3. Section 95 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

9 The department, subject to appropriation, shall adopt rules to require that all public  
10 school districts and commonwealth charter schools adopt a policy to identify and develop

- 11 partnerships with community organizations and agencies for referring students to health, mental
- 12 health, substance use and social support services.