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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam Gomez

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 student representative relative to student representative voting rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Adam Gomez	*Hampden*	
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*	*11/1/2023*

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By Mr. Gomez, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 287) of Adam Gomez for legislation relative to student representative voting rights. Education.

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

An Act relative to student representative relative to student representative voting rights.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38M of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking in lines 9 through 14 the phrase "Said chairperson shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the school committee, without the right to attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the individual school committee. Said chairperson shall be subject to all school committee rules and regulations and shall serve without compensation." and inserting in place thereof the following:-

"School committees of cities, towns, and regional school districts shall recognize two (2) student representatives, to be elected by the student bodies of all secondary schools within the district, prior to the first day of June in each year. Said representatives shall be allowed to vote on all matters before the committee. Student representatives shall be subject to all school committee rules and regulations, shall serve without compensation, and without the right to attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the individual school committee.

There shall also be a student advisory committee with members numbered as determined by the district, to be elected by the students of the secondary school or schools within the district. The purpose of said student advisory committee will be to assist the elected student representatives with their regular duties and to assist their constituents with accessing resources as well as connecting students with the student representatives."