

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 667**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

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*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 school absences.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 667) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to school absences. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to school absences.

*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 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "week." in line 30, the following words:-

3           Absences may also be permitted for students participating in national or international  
4 competition sanctioned by a U.S. national governing body as defined in 36 United States Code  
5 2205, referred to as the Ted Stevens Act; provided, however, that students seeking approval shall  
6 maintain a B grade point average or equivalent in academic courses. The school principal shall  
7 have discretion over absences excused exceeding seven-day sessions or fourteen half day session  
8 in a period of six months.