

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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. Section 1 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "week." in line 30, the following
3 words:-

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