

SENATE No. 356

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 ensuring student representation, Aidan's Law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul R. Feeney

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 356) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to ensure ensuring student representation, Aidan's Law. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 273 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act ensuring student representation, Aidan's Law.

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

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 38M and
2 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 38M. School committees of cities, towns and regional school districts shall meet
4 at least once every other month, during the months school is in session, with a student advisory
5 committee to consist of five members to be composed of students elected by the student body of
6 the high school or high schools in each city, town or regional school district.

7 The board of the trustees of a charter school, as defined in section 89, shall meet at least
8 once every other month, during the months school is in session, with a student advisory
9 committee to consist of five members to be composed of students elected by the student body of
10 the charter school.

11 The members of such student advisory committees shall, by majority vote prior to the
12 first day of June in each year elect from their number a chairperson who shall serve for a term of
13 one year. Said chairperson shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the school committee of
14 the city, town or regional school district or as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the board of
15 the trustees of the charter school. Said ex-officio members shall have no right to attend executive
16 sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the individual school committee or board of
17 trustees. Said chairperson shall be subject to all school committee or board of trustee rules and
18 regulations and shall serve without compensation.

19 A school committee of a city, town or regional school district or the board of trustees of a
20 charter school may designate a student outreach coordinator for the purpose of ensuring the
21 establishment of a student advisory committee and regularly informing the advisory committee
22 of the school committee's or board of trustee's agenda.