

**SENATE . . . . . No. 433**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Pavel M. Payano*

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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 substance use education in public schools.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Pavel M. Payano*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex*

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By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 433) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation relative to substance use education in public schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 342 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to substance use education in public 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. Chapter 71, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition of the General Laws,  
2 is hereby amended by adding after Section 99 the following section:-

3 Section 100. The department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with  
4 the department of public health shall develop a model curriculum designed for the purpose of  
5 substance use and addiction prevention which shall align with the health curriculum framework  
6 and address the following topics: tobacco, alcohol, opiate and prescription drug diversion and  
7 use and other substance use and use prevention, conflict resolution, healthy coping behavior,  
8 student and community mental health resources and peer leadership. The curriculum shall take  
9 into account the best practices and policies in other states. The adolescent substance use and  
10 addiction prevention curriculum shall be incorporated into the health curriculum in grades 4 to

- 11 12 for all students in the public schools. The state shall fully fund all costs associated with the
- 12 implementation of this act. The model curriculum shall be developed on or before June 30, 2026.