

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 to promote alternative dispute resolution for students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 354 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act to promote alternative dispute resolution for students.

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 37O of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “law” in line 133, the following
3 sentence:- “The board shall also establish standards for the inclusion in the curriculum at all
4 grade levels, frameworks designed to teach students methods of resolving interpersonal disputes
5 in productive and effective ways and which shall discourage the use of violence or other forms of
6 abuse in the resolution of such disputes”.