

HOUSE No. 2044

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 stakeholder data advisory group recommendations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2044) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the establishment of an advisory board to promote the improved use of school-level data to inform effective resource allocation decisions at the local level. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to stakeholder data advisory group recommendations.

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 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 4 the following section:-

3 Section 4A. (a) The department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation
4 with the executive office of education, shall a convene data advisory committee to promote the
5 improved use of school-level data to inform effective resource allocation decisions at the local
6 level. The data advisory committee shall include, but not be limited to, a representative from the
7 following organizations: the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.; the
8 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association of
9 School Business Officials, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators,
10 Inc.; and the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, Inc. The data advisory committee
11 shall assist the department to identify, advise and analyze cost-effective ways to achieve the
12 following goals including, but not limited to:

13 (i) streamlining financial reporting, eliminate duplicate reporting requirements and
14 improve data quality;

15 (ii) strengthening the department's capacity to analyze and report staffing, scheduling and
16 financial data in ways that support strategic resource allocation decisions at the district and
17 school level;

18 (iii) strengthening district capacity to use data to make strategic resource allocation
19 decisions; and

20 (iv) how to establish a data collection and reporting system that:

21 (1) tracks funding allocated for English language learner and low-income students to
22 ensure that spending is targeted to the intended populations and to provide a data source for the
23 foundation budget review commission about the accuracy and adequacy of the low-income and
24 English language learner increments; and

25 (2) allows for access to school-level expenditures and data across all districts to inform
26 the public and policy-makers about effective school-level interventions and investments.

27 The data advisory committee shall report its progress to the board, the chairs of the joint
28 committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means not less than
29 semi-annually, by December 1 and June 1 of each year, and shall make recommendations as are
30 necessary for the department to achieve the goals outlined in this section. The department may,
31 in consultation with the data advisory group, develop or procure the data collection and reporting
32 system under clause (iv).