

HOUSE No. 267

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Heroux

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 civics course curriculum.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Paul R. Heroux

2nd Bristol

Carlos Gonzalez

10th Hampden

HOUSE No. 267

By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 267) of Paul R. Heroux and Carlos Gonzalez for legislation to develop an elective high school course on labor law and workers’ rights. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 398 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to civics course curriculum.

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 2: Section 2 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is amended, by inserting after section 2C, the creation of a new section, Section
3 2D, The following words:-

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Department of
5 Elementary and Secondary Education and the Executive Office of Education, in collaboration
6 with a youth advisory committee, shall develop a new elective for a High School Labor Law and
7 Workers' Rights course. The curriculum shall be developed no later than May 1, 2014. The
8 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Executive Office of Education, in
9 collaboration with a youth advisory committee, shall also develop a pilot program for the
10 implementation of this elective course which shall begin no later than the beginning of the 2014-

11 2015 academic school year. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the
12 Executive Office of Education, in collaboration with a youth advisory committee, shall also
13 develop a plan for full implementation of this labor law and workers' rights course as a high
14 school elective to begin no later than the first day of the 2016-2017 academic school year.