HOUSE No. 330

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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 defining and providing screening for dyslexia.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex
Josh S. Cutler	6th Plymouth
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Thomas P. Walsh	12th Essex
James J. Lyons, Jr.	18th Essex
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk
RoseLee Vincent	16th Suffolk
Natalie Higgins	4th Worcester
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex

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HOUSE No. 330

By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 330) of Chris Walsh and others relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia for students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia.

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 inserting after section 57 the 2 following section:-
- 3 Section 57A. (a) For the purposes of this section, "Neurological Learning Disability"
- 4 shall mean a specific learning disability including, but not limited to, dyslexia, as most recently
- 5 defined by the National Institute of Health, that is neurobiological in origin.
- 6 (b) The department of elementary and secondary education shall issue guidelines for
- 7 districts, to develop more targeted screening procedures or protocols for students for potential
- 8 indicators of a neurological learning disability including, but not limited to, dyslexia. These
- 9 indicators are phonemic awareness (PA), rapid automatized naming (RAN) and letter sound
- 10 knowledge (LSK). Dyslexia Screening in the Commonwealth will include valid and efficient
- screening of these three indicators.