

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 398**

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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:

*Paul R. Heroux*

*David M. Rogers*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Bristol*

*24th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 398) of Paul R. Heroux and David M. Rogers for legislation to develop an elective high school course on labor law and workers' rights. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 422 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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.