

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 456**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

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 establishing an educational mandate task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>

<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>

<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others for legislation to establish a task force to identify and review state laws, regulations, and administrative directives that prescribe requirements for school districts. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3722 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 establishing an educational mandate task force.

*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. There shall be an educational mandate task force to review existing state  
2 mandates placed on public schools and districts in the Commonwealth. The task force shall  
3 consist of 11 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, or their  
4 designees, who shall serve as the co-chairs of the task force; a member of the general court  
5 appointed by the senate minority leader; a member of the general court appointed by the house  
6 minority leader; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or a designee; and 6  
7 persons to be appointed by the secretary of education, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of  
8 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, 1 of whom  
9 shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School  
10 Committees, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the

11 Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list  
12 of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association, 1  
13 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Elementary  
14 School Principals' Association, and 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons  
15 nominated by the Massachusetts Administrators of Special Education.

16           The task force shall: (i) identify and review the state laws, regulations, and administrative  
17 directives that prescribe requirements for school districts, including those that require school  
18 districts to prepare and submit reports and data to the department of elementary and secondary  
19 education; (ii) identify the state laws that require the department of elementary and secondary  
20 education to submit reports to the legislature based on information it must obtain from school  
21 districts; and (iii) develop recommendations to streamline, consolidate, or eliminate such  
22 mandates or reporting requirements that are outdated, or duplicative of or inconsistent with  
23 current laws, regulations or practices. In developing its recommendations, the task force shall  
24 consider the feasibility of creating a single master reporting form to prevent duplicate  
25 information from being reported by school districts more than once yearly. Such  
26 recommendations shall also include a process for ensuring that new state laws or regulations do  
27 not duplicate existing reporting requirements.

28           The first meeting of the task force shall take place within 60 days of the effective date of  
29 this act. The task force shall file a report containing its findings and recommendations, including  
30 legislative recommendations, if any, with the clerks of the house and senate not later than 12  
31 months following the first meeting of the task force. Prior to issuing its recommendations, the  
32 task force shall conduct at least one public hearing to receive testimony from members of the  
33 public.