

HOUSE No. 511

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joyce A. Spilotis (BY REQUEST)

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Establishing Written Consent for Mental Health or Suicide Screening.

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING WRITTEN CONSENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH OR SUICIDE SCREENING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, No child attending a public or private
- 2 school shall receive mental health or suicide screening without prior written consent of a parent or legal
- 3 guardian and shall indicate therein that such parent or guardian has read and understood the parental
- 4 notification statements concerning screening and follow-up prior to actual screening.

- 5 The Commissioner of Education in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health shall promulgate
- 6 regulations to enforce exemption provisions for mental health and or suicide screenings for every city and
- 7 town in the commonwealth. The department of education shall promulgate regulations for adjudicatory
- 8 proceedings to resolve any and all disputes arising under this section