

SENATE No. 00192

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 authorizing a study of starting times and schedules.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 192) of Walz and Creem for legislation to authorize a study of school day starting times and schedules [Joint Committee on Education].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 219 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act authorizing a study of starting times and schedules.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 department of education is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a comprehensive study
3 relative to the affect which high school starting times have on the academic performance of
4 students. Said study shall include, but not be limited to, a survey of high school starting times
5 and the duration of high school academic hours throughout the commonwealth, and shall make
6 findings relative to the affect which high school starting times have on student academic
7 performance. Provided further, that such study shall make recommendations relative to whether
8 high school starting times should be scheduled later in the morning, and how school districts can
9 adapt school day starting times to enhance student education. Said study shall also review and
10 make recommendations relative to other school day scheduling issues which affect high school

11 starting times. Said department, in the conduct of said study shall examine relevant scientific
12 studies and academic research, and shall request comment and suggestions from students,
13 teachers, and education policy makers, provided further, that said department shall conduct no
14 less than two public hearings to ensure public input and comment. A copy of said study shall be
15 filed with the senate and house clerks and the senate and house chairmen of the Joint Committee
16 on Education not later than six months after the enactment of this act.