

SENATE No. 296

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 relative to an afterschool education pilot.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00385 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AN AFTERSCHOOL EDUCATION PILOT.

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 special or general law to the contrary, there is hereby
2 established a pilot program to provide after school and summer educational services operated by
3 a non-profit organization staffed by certified teachers and college aged tutors. This pilot shall
4 provide comprehensive academic and social supplemental education in a safe and supportive
5 environment. The pilot shall be focused to cater to the needs of students in low-income urban
6 communities, specifically those urban youth that require additional assistance to become
7 academically proficient. The students shall be instructed for two and a half hours in core
8 curricula such as math and literacy using a multi-cultural approach. In addition, the program will
9 include the opportunity to work with tutors on homework, community service, and team self-
10 esteem and relationship building.

11 SECTION 2: The pilot shall be instituted in the cities of Lowell, Worcester, Boston,
12 Plymouth, and Springfield.