

SENATE No. 327

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 concerning genocide education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>

<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2019</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 327) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Cynthia Stone Creem, Barry R. Finegold, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to genocide education . Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act concerning genocide education.

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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 Section 98. Every school district shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on
4 the Holocaust and genocide, utilizing, but not being limited to, the Massachusetts History and
5 Social Science Curriculum Framework disseminated by the Department of Elementary and
6 Secondary Education. Acts of genocide across the globe shall be taught consistent with the
7 frameworks to address the notion that national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred can overtake
8 any nation or society, leading to calamitous consequences. To reinforce that lesson, such
9 curriculum unit shall include the Nazi atrocities of 1933 to 1945 known as the Holocaust, and
10 other genocides including, but not limited to, the Armenian Genocide, the Famine-Genocide in
11 Ukraine known as Holodomor, the Pontian Greek Genocide, and more recent atrocities in
12 Bosnia, Cambodia, Rwanda, and Sudan. The studying of this material is a reaffirmation of the

13 commitment of free peoples from all nations to never again permit the occurrence of another
14 genocide and a recognition that crimes of genocide continue to be perpetrated across the globe as
15 they have been in the past, and to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human
16 suffering wherever they may occur.

17 The department shall recommend curricular materials detailing the underlying causes,
18 international reaction, progression and aftermath of the aforementioned genocides, including
19 those recommendations established by chapter 276 of the acts of 1998. Nothing herein shall
20 require school districts to require genocide instruction in every year of middle school and high
21 school, but that genocide education and instruction shall be utilized during appropriate times in
22 the middle school and/or high school curricula, as determined by the local authority. All students
23 should have received instruction on genocide by the time they have graduated from high school.

24 The department may provide trainings, seminars, conferences and materials for educators
25 to use in the teaching of genocide.