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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Michael J. Rodrigues**

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*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 requiring school districts to adopt a certain health program.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Michael J. Rodrigues | 8th Bristol |
| Rosenberg, Stan (SEN) | Hampshire and Franklin |
| Jeffrey Davis Perry | 5th Barnstable |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| Cleon H. Turner | 1st Barnstable |
| Paul J. Donato | 35th Middlesex |
| Sarah K. Peake | 4th Barnstable |
| Carlo P. Basile | 1st Suffolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 539 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act requiring school districts to adopt a certain health program.

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

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 54B the following section:— Section 54C. Each school district shall develop a program to identify and serve pupils with light-based reading difficulties, best defined, as of December 1, 2002 by screening practices and methodologies used to address Irlen syndrome and/or scotopic sensitivity, so called.