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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

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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 relative to an afterschool education pilot.

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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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:*

 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, there is hereby established a pilot program to provide after school and summer educational services operated by a non-profit organization staffed by certified teachers and college aged tutors.  This pilot shall provide comprehensive academic and social supplemental education in a safe and supportive environment.  The pilot shall be focused to cater to the needs of students in low-income urban communities, specifically those urban youth that require additional assistance to become academically proficient.  The students shall be instructed for two and a half hours in core curricula such as math and literacy using a multi-cultural approach.  In addition, the program will include the opportunity to work with tutors on homework, community service, and team self-esteem and relationship building.

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