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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James B. Eldridge**

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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 to Provide Fair Process for Students with Disabilities.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to Provide Fair Process for Students with Disabilities.

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

 Section 3 of Chapter 71B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence of paragraph 12 the following sentence:

The school committee shall have the burden of proof in any proceeding conducted pursuant to this section.