

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth Poirier

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 parental consent on sex education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Raymond T. Neary	6 Lantern Lane Medfield, MA 02052
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 521 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL CONSENT ON SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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. 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by striking out the section in its entirety and replacing it thereof with the following: —
3 Any city, town or school district maintaining or implementing any curriculum, unit of study, school-
4 sanctioned program or activity which involves sex education shall offer it only on an elective basis.
5 Given five school days notice, prior review of said materials, as well as the questioning of teachers and
6 administrators involved, will be extended to parents, guardians and/or their legal representatives. Written
7 parent or guardian permission will be required for student participation. No public school teacher or
8 employee who feels that such curriculum or activity violates his or her religious beliefs shall be required
9 to participate in any way.