

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Jehlen**

*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 Data Collection for Charter Schools.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ms. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO DATA COLLECTION FOR CHARTER 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. Section 89 of chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the  
2   2006 edition, shall be amended by striking subsection (gg) and inserting in place thereof the following  
3   subsection:-  
4   (gg) Each charter school shall submit to the board of elementary and secondary education, to  
5   the local school committee, to each parent or guardian of its enrolled students, and to each  
6   parent or guardian contemplating enrollment in that charter school an annual report. The  
7   annual report shall be issued no later than August 1 of each year for the preceding school year.  
8   The annual report shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the board and shall include at  
9   least the following components: (1) discussion of progress made toward the achievement of the  
10  goals set forth in the charter; and, (2) a financial statement setting forth, by appropriate  
11  categories, the revenue and expenditures for the year just ended, including net assets; the  
12  amount of any and all funds transferred to a management company; and, the percentage of the  
13  school's budget spent on administration.

14 SECTION 2. Section 89 of chapter 71, as so appearing, shall be further amended in subsection  
15 (kk) by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:-

16 In the event that the board revokes a charter, or if a charter ceases to exist for any reason, the  
17 charter school shall, within six months of the revocation or dissolution of said charter, submit to  
18 the board a detailed financial accounting of all the school's assets, including all equipment and  
19 supplies.

20 SECTION 3. Section 89 of chapter 71, as so appearing, shall be further amended by striking subsection  
21 (pp) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

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23 (pp) The commissioner of education shall collect data on the racial, ethnic and socio-economic make-up  
24 of the student enrollment of each charter school in the commonwealth, including a comparison with  
25 each school's sending district or districts. This data shall also include the following: the number of  
26 students that have left each charter school and the reason for leaving; the number of teachers that have  
27 left each charter school and the reason for leaving; the number of administrators that have left each  
28 charter school and the reason for leaving; the number of homeless students enrolled in each charter  
29 school and in the district in which the charter school is located; the number of students in the care of  
30 the Department of Youth Services enrolled in each charter school and in the district in which the charter  
31 school is located; the number of students in the care of the Department of Social Services in each  
32 charter school and in the district in which the charter school is located; the number of students on the  
33 waiting list in each charter school including how the waiting list is established, how students are selected  
34 for enrollment and how students are removed from the waiting list; a comparison of the projected  
35 enrollment and the actual enrollment in each charter school; the number of students enrolled in each

36 charter school who have individual education plans pursuant to chapter 71B and those requiring English  
37 language learners programs under chapter 71A. Said data shall be filed annually with the clerks of the  
38 house and senate and with the joint committee on education not later than December 1.