

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

*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 substance abuse awareness education in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tolman, Steven (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00383 OF 2007-2008.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS EDUCATION IN 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2   department of education shall establish an education program for all middle school children in the  
3   Commonwealth whereby said children receive a minimum of five hours of substance abuse and  
4   addiction awareness education during each middle school year.