HOUSE No. 00155

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
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex
Daniel K. Webster	6th Plymouth
George Ross	2nd Bristol
Marc Lombardo	22nd Middlesex
Dennis A. Rosa	4th Worcester
James Lyons, Jr.	18th Essex
Geoff Diehl	7th Plymouth
Steven L. Levy	4th Middlesex
Shaunna O'Connell	3rd Bristol
Raymond T. Neary	6 Lantern Lane
	□ <i>Medfield, MA 02052</i>

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By Ms. Elizabeth Poirier of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00155) of Daniel K. Webster and others for legislation to require parental consent on sex education in public schools.. Joint Committee on Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE

□ HOUSE , NO. 472 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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:

- 2 SECTION 1. 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition
- 3 is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and replacing it thereof with the
- 4 following: —

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- 5 Any city, town or school district maintaining or implementing any curriculum, unit of study,
- 6 school-sanctioned program or activity which involves sex education shall offer it only on an
- 7 elective basis. Given five school days notice, prior review of said materials, as well as the
- 8 questioning of teachers and administrators involved, will be extended to parents, guardians

- 9 and/or their legal representatives. Written parent or guardian permission will be required for
- 10 student participation. No public school teacher or employee who feels that such curriculum or
- 11 activity violates his or her religious beliefs shall be required to participate in any way.