

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01915**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Robert F. Fennell***

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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 relative to further defining good cause for the purpose of nonrenewal of contracts for educational administrators

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Robert F. Fennell*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*10th Essex*

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By Mr. Fennell of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1915) of Fennell relative to further defining good cause for the purpose of non-renewal of contracts for educational administrators Joint Committee on Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 386 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to further defining good cause for the purpose of nonrenewal of contracts for educational administrators

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*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 41 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is amended in paragraph three lines 29 to 3p by striking out the second sentence and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following three sentences:—

4 A principal, assistant principal, department head or other supervisor who has served in that  
5 position for three consecutive years, and who has not been notified of non-renewal sixty-days  
6 prior to the end of the third consecutive year, shall not be dismissed or demoted except for good  
7 cause. Good cause shall include a description of the personal misconduct or professional

8 deficiency or deficiencies which are the basis for the dismissal. The declaration that the  
9 principal's school is an underperforming school by the proper authorities shall satisfy this  
10 provision.