

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01941**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

*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 establishing a school counseling leadership pilot project to accelerate college and career readiness in Massachusetts public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*14th Norfolk*

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1941) of Peisch relative to establishing a school counseling leadership pilot project to accelerate college and career readiness in the public schools Joint Committee on Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 470 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act establishing a school counseling leadership pilot project to accelerate college and career readiness in Massachusetts 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 This legislation will create a two-year Pilot Project for ten school districts to accelerate college
- 2 and career readiness through implementation of the MA Comprehensive School Counseling
- 3 Program Model. Strategies will be researched to more fully utilize the new college and career
- 4 web portal at the school district level. The study will also examine how school counselor work
- 5 time can be redistributed to meaningfully integrate college and career planning throughout the
- 6 district and community. Rigorous evaluation will be included with the goal of producing
- 7 evidence-based standards for comprehensive school counseling programs that are highly
- 8 effective in promoting college and career readiness in Massachusetts districts struggling to close

9 the achievement gap. Results will provide a set of evidence-supported strategies that can be  
10 implemented across the Commonwealth. The project will be managed by the Department of  
11 Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) with input from a broad array of stakeholders in  
12 college and career readiness. The two-year cost will be \$700,000 and implementation of the Pilot  
13 Project is dependent upon legislative appropriation.