

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 03262**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Viriato Manuel deMacedo*

*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 nonviolent discipline.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                |
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| <i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i>              |
| <i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>       | <i>14th Bristol</i>              |
| <i>Sheila Harrington</i>       | <i>1st Middlesex</i>             |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>           | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |

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By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3262) of Elizabeth Poirier and others for legislation to establish a statewide public awareness campaign on the advantages associated with the use of positive parenting techniques. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to nonviolent discipline.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Edition, is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following section:-

3 Section 223. The department of public health shall collaborate with the Massachusetts Children's  
4 Trust Fund, the department of education, the department of early education and care and the  
5 department of children and families to develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated  
6 statewide public awareness campaign to expand the knowledge of parents, caregivers and the  
7 general public on the advantages associated with the use of positive parenting techniques. The  
8 department of public health shall collaborate with public and private colleges and universities  
9 and nonprofit organizations to obtain grants and private funds to implement the provisions of this  
10 section. For the purposes of this section, positive parenting shall mean a non violent, solution  
11 focused approach that includes: clear communication of expectation, rules and limits; building a

- 12 mutually respectful relationship with the child; teaching the child life long skills; and developing
- 13 long term solutions that develop the child's own self-discipline.