

HOUSE No. 362

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John V. Fernandes

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act mandating CPR training in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Carmin L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 362) of John V. Fernandes and others relative to mandating cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in public schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act mandating CPR training 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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 2C, the following section:-

3 Section 2D. Each school district in the commonwealth shall provide instruction in
4 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as part of the
5 existing health education curriculum in grades 9 through 12. The school district may select a no-
6 cost, non-certification instructional program to meet this requirement. The instructional program
7 provided shall be modeled from an instructional program established by the American Heart
8 Association, American Red Cross, or other nationally-recognized association with expertise in
9 instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator
10 and include a hands-on learning component for each participating student. Each public high
11 school student shall be required to participate in the instructional program as a requirement for
12 high school graduation; provided, however, that no student shall be required to take part in the

13 instructional program if (i) a licensed physician certifies in writing that such participation would
14 be injurious to the student; or (ii) a parent or guardian for the student submits a written objection
15 to the student's participation in the instructional program.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on September 1, 2015.