

HOUSE No. 368

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen R. Canessa

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 to reform punitive suspension from the public schools of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
Robert M. Koczera	11th Bristol
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO REFORM PUNITIVE SUSPENSION FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 37h of chapter 71 of the general laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following paragraph:

3 When a student is punitively suspended from school under the provisions of this section, the length of that
4 suspension shall be served in mandatory community service. A completed day of suspension shall consist
5 of a minimum of four hours of supervised and documented service. The policies and procedures for the
6 supervision and completion of said disciplinary service shall be published with the rest of the policies
7 required by this chapter.