

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 391**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia A. Haddad***

*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 relative to school improvement plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 391) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to school improvement plans. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 414 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to school improvement plans.

*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 1 I of chapter 69 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences of the tenth paragraph  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

4 Each school improvement plan shall be submitted to the superintendent who shall review  
5 and recommend said plan to the school committee for review and approval not later than July 1  
6 of the year in which the plan is to be implemented, according to a plan development and review  
7 schedule established by the district superintendent, provided that a school committee may  
8 designate the superintendent to review and approve the plan on its behalf.

9 SECTION 2. The principal of each school, in consultation with the school council  
10 established pursuant to this section, shall on an annual basis, in conformity with the provisions of

11 section II of chapter 69, develop and submit to the district superintendent a plan for improving  
12 student performance. The superintendent shall review and recommend the plan to the school  
13 committee; provided, however, that a school committee may designate the superintendent to  
14 review and approve the plan on its behalf. Plans shall be prepared in a manner and form  
15 prescribed by the department of elementary and secondary education and shall conform to any  
16 policies and practices of the district consistent therewith. Action to approve or disapprove a  
17 school improvement plan shall be completed within 45 days of the recommendation from the  
18 superintendent; otherwise the plan shall be deemed to have been approved. In the event that the  
19 superintendent does not recommend the plan, the plan shall be returned to the principal who  
20 shall, after consultation with the school council, resubmit the plan to the superintendent who  
21 shall review and recommend the plan to the school committee for approval, consistent with any  
22 comments of the superintendent and the school committee. Failing such plan recommendation by  
23 the superintendent by July 1 of each year, or such approval by the school committee by August  
24 16 of each year, a subcommittee consisting of the school committee chair or other member  
25 designated by the chair, the superintendent, or his designee, and a parent member of the school  
26 council chosen by the school council shall have the authority to establish the plan.