

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3911**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero*

*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 to ensure representation of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils on school committees.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                        | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>James Arciero</i>         | <i>2nd Middlesex</i>           |
| <i>Alicia Curtin Mallon</i>  |                                |
| <i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i>           |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i>      | <i>2nd Bristol</i>             |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>         | <i>11th Norfolk</i>            |
| <i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>       | <i>14th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i> | <i>16th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>John C. Velis</i>         | <i>4th Hampden</i>             |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>     | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James Arciero and others relative to representation of special education parent advisory councils on school committees. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act to ensure representation of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils on school committees.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, each  
2 school district in Massachusetts, being required by Massachusetts Law, as specifically outlined  
3 in Chapter 71B, and in regulations 603 CMR 28.07(4) and 603 CMR 28.03 (1)(a)(4), to support  
4 Special Education Parent Advisory Councils, shall provide an ex-officio, nonvoting seat on the  
5 school committee to a representative from the school district’s SEPAC, without the right to  
6 attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the district's school  
7 committee. The SEPAC shall elect the representative from their membership annually, and in  
8 accordance with their bylaws, and shall notify the school committee of their selection within 30  
9 days of election. Said SEPAC representative shall be subject to all school committee rules and  
10 regulations and shall serve without compensation.