

HOUSE No. 397

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sheila C. Harrington

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 requiring public school districts to add civics to their curriculum.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 397) of Sheila C. Harrington and others for legislation to require the teaching of civics in public schools. Education.

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

An Act requiring public school districts to add civics to their curriculum.

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

- 1 Every public school district shall require all students to complete a section in civics
- 2 before graduating from secondary school. Civics education course may be offered at either the
- 3 secondary school or intermediate school level at the discretion of the Administration of the
- 4 school district. Said course may be incorporated into a social studies curriculum if applicable.