. . No. 402 **HOUSE**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi and Cleon H. Turner

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 establishing a regional school district planning committee.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex

HOUSE No. 402

By Representatives Gobi of Spencer and Turner of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 402) of Anne M. Gobi and others relative to creating regional school district planning committees. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE

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□ , NO. 1918 OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act establishing a regional school district planning committee.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking Section 14 and inserting in place thereof the following section:
- Section 14. Any town, by either a majority vote of its selectmen or by vote in town meeting duly called therefore, may create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional
- 5 school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the
- 6 school committee, to be appointed by the moderator; and may at the same meeting or at a
- 7 subsequent meeting appropriate for the expense of said committee such sum or sums, not
- 8 exceeding one tenth of one percent of the assessed valuation of such town in the preceding year,
- 9 as it may deem necessary. Regional school district planning committee from any two or more
- 10 towns may join together to form a regional school district planning board or boards. Such
- 11 regional school district planning board shall organize forthwith upon its formation by the
- 12 election of a chairman and secretary-treasurer.