

HOUSE No. 4033

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 increase access to high quality summer learning opportunities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Norfolk

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to authorize the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a grant program to support the development and expansion of high quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high concentrations of low income students. Education.

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

An Act to increase access to high quality summer learning opportunities.

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. Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 1P the following section:-

3 Section 1Q. The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a
4 grant program, subject to appropriation, to support the development and expansion of high
5 quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high
6 concentrations of low income students.

7 The department shall establish requirements for grant applicants, provided that grants
8 shall be awarded to programs that: (i) include at least 150 hours of programming with a focus on
9 academic and college and career readiness skills, including critical thinking, collaboration and
10 perseverance; (ii) are research-based summer programs; and (iii) engage a variety of

11 organizations and leverage a cost-sharing partnership with local districts, private funders and
12 non-profit institutions.

13 The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall annually evaluate the
14 effectiveness of programs established under this section, including the potential for replicating
15 such programs throughout the commonwealth. The commissioner shall also provide technical
16 assistance to school districts seeking to replicate programs funded under this section.