

HOUSE No. 457

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin

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 protecting student privacy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

William C. Galvin

6th Norfolk

Stephan Hay

3rd Worcester

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 457) of William C. Galvin and Stephan Hay relative to protecting student privacy. Education.

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

An Act protecting student privacy.

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

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 98. (a) Each city, town, regional school district, charter school or vocational
4 school district shall provide notice to each student and to the parent or guardian of each student
5 enrolled at a secondary school that, in accordance with federal law, the student or the parent or
6 guardian of the student may request that the student’s name, address, and telephone number not
7 be released to military recruiters.

8 (b) The notice shall:

9 (i) Be included in a clear and conspicuous manner and in the same size type as the other
10 statements on the card requesting emergency contact information that is distributed by the school
11 or school district to each student or parent or guardian of the student; and

12 (ii) Request that the student or the parent or guardian of the student indicate if the
13 student’s name, address, and telephone number is not to be released to military recruiters by
14 checking the box “Do not release contact information”.

15 (c) On or before October 1 and March 1 of each school year, the board in each school
16 district shall submit a list to the department of elementary and secondary education that includes
17 the name, address, and telephone number of each student whose contact information is not
18 released to military recruiters pursuant to subsection (a).

19 (d) Each public school in the commonwealth that administers the Armed Services
20 Vocational Aptitude Battery, hereinafter “ASVAB”, shall choose “Option 8” as the score
21 reporting option for military recruiter contact to prohibit the general release of any student
22 information to military recruiters.

23 (e) Each public school that administers the ASVAB shall:

24 (i) Send a written notice to the ASVAB representative coordinating the school’s
25 administration of the ASVAB of the requirement set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection;
26 and

27 (ii) Notify students taking the ASVAB and the parent or guardian of students taking the
28 ASVAB of the release of student information requirements in this subsection.

29 A student or a student’s parent or guardian may choose to release the student’s personal
30 information and ASVAB scores to recruiting representatives of the military services by
31 individually submitting the required forms to the military services authorizing the release of the
32 information.