

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 459**

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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 relative to teacher preparation and certification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*14th Norfolk*

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 459) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to teacher preparation and certification. Education.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to teacher preparation and certification.

*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. Section 38G of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 49, the word “valid”.

3 SECTION 2. Said section 38G of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby further  
4 amended by striking out, in line 51, the words “for a minimum of three years”.

5 SECTION 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall convene a  
6 teacher preparation and certification task force, hereinafter called the task force. The task force  
7 shall develop and recommend policies to improve the quality of teacher preparation programs  
8 throughout the commonwealth. The task force shall develop recommendations which shall  
9 include, but not be limited to: (i) strengthening the standards for admission into such preparation  
10 programs, and (ii) increasing the amount of time teacher candidates spend in the classroom and  
11 enhancing such practical experience through the provision of mentorship by trained and qualified  
12 teacher mentors.

13           SECTION 4. The task force shall file a report with the clerks of the house of  
14 representatives and the senate and the joint committee on education no later than one year after  
15 the enactment of this bill.