

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 491**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth I. Gordon***

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*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 science curriculum standards.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 491) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to science curriculum standards. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 607 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to science curriculum standards.

*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 1D of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 31, after the word "States" the  
3 following:-

4           The standards for the subject of science shall include only peer-reviewed and age-  
5 appropriate subject matter; provided, (1) peer-reviewed subject matter shall be defined as  
6 conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods; and (2) age-appropriate shall be  
7 defined as topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of  
8 children and adolescents, based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity  
9 typical for the age or age group.