

HOUSE No. 501

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 an educational unfunded mandate task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 501) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for an investigation by a task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the state mandates placed on public schools and districts. Education.

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

An Act relative to an educational unfunded mandate task force.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be an
2 educational mandate task force to review existing state mandates placed on public schools and
3 districts in the Commonwealth. The task force shall consist of 11 members: the house and senate
4 chairs of the joint committee on education, or their designees, who shall serve as the co-chairs of
5 the task force; a member of the general court appointed by the senate minority leader; a member
6 of the general court appointed by the house minority leader; the commissioner of elementary and
7 secondary education, or a designee; and 6 persons to be appointed by the secretary of education,
8 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association
9 of School Superintendents, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the
10 Massachusetts Association of School Committees, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3
11 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, 1 of whom
12 shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Secondary School
13 Administrators' Association, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by

14 the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Association, and 1 of whom shall be selected
15 from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Administrators of Special Education.

16 SECTION 2. The task force shall: (i) identify and review the state laws, regulations, and
17 administrative directives that prescribe requirements for school districts, including those that
18 require school districts to prepare and submit reports and data to the department of elementary
19 and secondary education (ii) develop recommendations to streamline, consolidate, or eliminate
20 such mandates or reporting requirements that are not fully funded and (iii) determine the total
21 estimated cost of said unfunded mandates on municipalities to consider those figures in the
22 annual fiscal year budget.

23 SECTION 3. The first meeting of the task force shall take place within 60 days of the
24 effective date of this act. The task force shall file a report containing its findings and
25 recommendations, including legislative recommendations, if any, with the clerks of the house
26 and senate not later than 12 months following the first meeting of the task force. Prior to issuing
27 its recommendations, the task force shall conduct at least one public hearing to receive testimony
28 from members of the public.