

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 512**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Joyce A. Spilotis (BY REQUEST)**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Relative to Parental Consent for School Behavioral Screening.**

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARENTAL CONSENT FOR SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL SCREENING.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, No child attending a public or private  
2 school shall receive mental health or suicide screening without prior written consent of a parent or legal  
3 guardian and shall indicate therein that such parent or guardian has read and understood the parental  
4 notification statements concerning screening and follow-up prior to actual screening.

5           The Commissioner of Education in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health shall promulgate  
6 regulations to enforce exemption provisions for mental health and or suicide screenings for every city and  
7 town in the commonwealth. The department of education shall promulgate regulations for adjudicatory  
8 proceedings to resolve any and all disputes arising under this section