

HOUSE No. 532

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christina A. Minicucci

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 to redefine school construction and reconstruction projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Christina A. Minicucci

14th Essex

Carlos Gonzalez

10th Hampden

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By Ms. Minicucci of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 532) of Christina A. Minicucci and Carlos Gonzalez relative to school construction and reconstruction projects. Education.

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

An Act to redefine school construction and reconstruction projects.

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

1 The purpose of this act is to amend Section 2 of Chapter 70B as follows:

2 "Capital construction project", any capital project, other than a major reconstruction
3 project, for the construction, the enlargement or original equipping of any public schoolhouse in
4 any city or town, or a project for the renovation or partial renovation of an existing structure for
5 use as a schoolhouse; or the renovation or partial renovation of an existing schoolhouse, or the
6 development and construction of sidewalks, pathways, street lighting, parking lots, or other
7 eligible transportation projects designed to ensure a safe path of travel for students to any public
8 schoolhouse; provided, further that a capital construction project shall allow for the cost of
9 student health and wellness centers located within any public schoolhouse.

10 "Major reconstruction project", any capital school facilities or extraordinary maintenance
11 project including, but not limited to, the retrofitting of a school for the purpose of providing
12 wireless or other learning technologies, student health and wellness centers, sidewalks or other

13 paths of travel, the replacement of a roof or heating plant if it is determined by the board that
14 such project has not been necessitated, in whole or in part, by the failure of an eligible applicant
15 to make adequate and prudent provisions for the care and maintenance of said school.