

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 88**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Viriato Manuel deMacedo, (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 nonviolent discipline.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard Davis, President of Family NonViolence, Inc.</i>	
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 88) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo, Richard Davis, President of Family NonViolence, Inc. and Sheila C. Harrington for legislation to establish a statewide public awareness campaign on the advantages associated with the use of positive parenting techniques. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 3262 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to nonviolent discipline.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by adding the following section:-

3 Section 223. The department of public health shall collaborate with the Massachusetts  
4 Children's Trust Fund, the department of education, the department of early education and care  
5 and the department of children and families to develop and implement a comprehensive and  
6 coordinated statewide public awareness campaign to expand the knowledge of parents,  
7 caregivers and the general public on the advantages associated with the use of positive parenting  
8 techniques. The department of public health may collaborate with public and private colleges and  
9 universities and nonprofit organizations to obtain grants and private funds to implement the  
10 provisions of this section. For the purposes of this section, positive parenting shall mean a non  
11 violent, solution focused approach that includes: clear communication of expectation, rules and  
12 limits; building a mutually respectful relationship with the child; teaching the child life long  
13 skills; and developing long term solutions that develop the child's own self-discipline.