

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2329**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court**  
**(2015-2016)**  
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SENATE, Monday, June 13, 2016

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2114) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to the promotion of mental health education in Massachusetts high schools, - reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2329).

For the committee,  
Sonia Chang-Diaz

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An Act relative to the promotion of mental health education in Massachusetts high schools.

*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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 3, the following section: -

3           Section 3A. Mental health education.

4           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all public high schools in the  
5 commonwealth may incorporate an optional mental health promotion component to the  
6 Massachusetts comprehensive health education curriculum for public high school students. The  
7 mental health promotion component shall meet all standards which guide the existing  
8 comprehensive health education curriculum. The mental health section may supplement the  
9 comprehensive health education curriculum by providing instruction in areas including, but not  
10 limited to: mental health, mental illness, teenage brain development, stress management,  
11 physical health, violence prevention, ecological and community health and mental illness stigma.