

**SENATE . . . . . No. 283**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Bruce E. Tarr**

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*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 to promote alternative dispute resolution for students

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00370 OF .]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR STUDENTS.

*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 is hereby amended by adding, in the third  
2 paragraph of subsection 1D of Section 29, the following sentence:- “The board shall also establish  
3 standards for the inclusion in curriculum at all grade levels, frameworks designed to teach  
4 students methods of resolving interpersonal disputes in productive and effective ways and which  
5 shall discourage the use of violence and/or other forms of abuse in the resolution of such  
6 disputes”.