

HOUSE No. 404

By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition of Christine E. Canavan and others for legislation to require field trips to historic sites for public school students enrolled in history and civic classes. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STUDY OF HISTORY IN THE PUBLIC 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 2 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2
3 paragraphs:—

4 All students in public elementary, middle, vocational and high
5 schools shall pursue their studies in history and civics, through a
6 series of field trips to local, regional, and statewide museums, histor-
7 ical sites, historical organizations, and governmental houses,
8 including the State House in Boston. These field trips will be accom-
9 panied by teachers or other guides and parents or recognized assis-
10 tants.

11 The field trips shall be a minimum of 3 days conformity with the
12 required curriculum of the school system. Official school travel
13 resources, or other recognized resources, shall be used for these field
14 trips, and all other legal procedures for their health, safety, security,
15 and well being shall also be maintained.