

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 549**

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, petition of Tom Sannicandro and others relative to the English immersion law in the public schools. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

Tom Sannicandro	Barbara A. L'Italien
Mary E. Grant	Douglas W. Petersen
Elizabeth A. Malia	Denise Provost
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	Matthew C. Patrick
Martha M. Walz	Pam Richardson

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ENGLISH IMMERSION LAW.

*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 71A of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking sub-  
3 section (b) of Section 6.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 71A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
2 amended in Section 5, subsection (b), by striking paragraph (2) and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 (2). Other children:— a child for whom it is the informed belief  
5 of the school principal and educational staff, based on a thorough  
6 assessment of the child’s language and academic achievement that  
7 an alternative course of educational study would be better suited to  
8 the child’s overall educational progress and rapid acquisition of  
9 basic English and academic skills; or