

HOUSE No. 573

By Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody, petition of Joyce A. Spiliotis relative to the hiring of public school principals. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HIRING PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

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. This Act may be cited as the “Parental Involvement
2 in Hiring Public School Principals Act of 2005.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 1A of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the seventh paragraph the following paragraph:—
4 The commissioner shall assess the effectiveness of parental
5 involvement in the hiring process for public school principals pur-
6 suant to Sections 59B and 59C of Chapter 71.

1 SECTION 3. Section 59B of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the first sentence the following sentences:—
4 From a short list of candidates screened by the school council
5 pursuant to Section 59C of Chapter 71, the superintendent shall
6 appoint a principal for a school. The superintendent shall evaluate
7 candidates for the principal position and appoint a principal based on
8 the following criteria:— prior experience; leadership and communi-
9 cation skills; curriculum development; goals and expectations for
10 students, staff, and parents. After appointing a new principal, the
11 superintendent shall inform the school committee of the superinten-
12 dent’s evaluation of the new principal based on the above qualities.

1 SECTION 4. Section 59C of said Chapter 71 of the General
2 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth
3 paragraph the following paragraph:—

4 Before the superintendent appoints a principal for a school, the
5 school council at that school shall screen applicants for the principal
6 position. The school council shall assess applicants for the vacant
7 principal position and provide the superintendent with a short list of
8 acceptable candidates for the position.