

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 589**

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh relative to the notification of parents of children enrolled in non-public elementary and secondary schools or charter schools if it is the intention of the administration of the schools to cease operation or to discontinue any grade year. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.  
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO NON PUBLIC AND CHARTER 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 Chapter 76 of the General Laws as most recently appearing in the
- 2 2000 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after Section
- 3 2A as so appearing a new section as follows:—
- 4 2B. Duties of Approved Non-Public and Charter Schools to
- 5 Notify Parents of Discontinuation of School, Penalty.
- 6 Every approved non-public elementary and secondary school or
- 7 charter school shall notify the parents of any children enrolled in the
- 8 school in writing if it is the intention of the administration of the
- 9 school to cease operation or to discontinue any grade year. The
- 10 notice required by this section shall be given at least one hundred
- 11 days prior to the end of the then current school year, or before the
- 12 first day of March whichever comes earlier. Failure to provide such
- 13 notice as required by this section shall make the school liable to the
- 14 parents for damages in a civil action and in appropriate cases as the
- 15 trial court may determine said damages may be tripled.
- 16 These notice provisions shall not apply to institutions where the
- 17 discontinuation of the school is caused by fire, or natural disaster.