

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2108

By Ms. Grant of Beverly, petition of Mary E. Grant and others relative to local control of health education curriculum. Public Health.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LOCAL CONTROL OF HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUMS.

*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 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 32A the  
3 following new section:—  
4 Section 32B. It is hereby established that every public school dis-  
5 trict shall establish a Health Educational Curriculum Committee,  
6 made up of school department employees, parents, and other mem-  
7 bers of the community(ies) comprising that school district, to  
8 research and make recommendations on a comprehensive, age  
9 appropriate, factually and medically accurate health education cur-  
10 rriculum for grades K-12 to the school committee on or before  
11 August 31, 2007; provided, however, that any school district that has  
12 substantially met the requirements herein prior to the effective date  
13 of this act shall submit documentation to the department of educa-  
14 tion demonstrating said compliance; and, provided further, that the  
15 department of education upon receipt of said documentation shall  
16 determine whether said school district has substantially complied  
17 with the requirements herein. In assessing compliance, the depart-  
18 ment of education must determine whether the curriculum frame-  
19 work recommended includes priority public health problems as

20 reported by the department of public health for the age group and  
21 region. Health education curriculum committees shall receive  
22 funding subject to appropriation for any administrative costs from  
23 grants provided to cities and towns and regional school districts for  
24 school based comprehensive health education and human services in  
25 schools.

26 Every school district shall adopt a policy ensuring  
27 parental/guardian notification of the contents of its health education  
28 curriculum and policy of exemption as provided for in Section 32A.

29 To the extent practicable, health curriculum program materials  
30 shall be made reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators,  
31 school administrators, and others for inspection and review.