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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martha M. Walz

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act regarding an analysis of health education in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Alice K. Wolf	*25th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Walz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1085) of Martha M. Walz, Denise Andrews and Alice K. Wolf relative to providing for an analysis health education. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *4630* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act regarding an analysis of health education in the Commonwealth.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to conduct a statewide analysis on the provision of health education, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

The department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the department of public health, shall conduct a statewide analysis of and submit a report on the provision of health education by each school district and Commonwealth charter school. The report shall include the following information for each public school district and Commonwealth charter school: a description of every health education curriculum offered in every grade level and the number of students receiving such health education by grade level; health education requirements by grade level; the number of students who opt-out of any portion of the health education curriculum under the provisions of section 32A of chapter 71; and the approximate number of hours spent, by grade level, on each of the comprehensive health standards recommended in the Massachusetts comprehensive health curriculum frameworks. The report shall also identify the districts and Commonwealth charter schools that are promoting effective health education programs and practices, those districts and Commonwealth charter schools whose programs and practices are deemed less effective, and those districts and Commonwealth charter schools that have programs that should be identified as model programs. The department

15 of elementary and secondary education shall report to the general court the results of its analysis
16 by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house, who shall forward the same to the
17 chairs of the joint committee on education on or before June 30, 2012. The department of
18 elementary and secondary education shall submit an update to the joint committee on education
19 on the status of its efforts to complete this report on or before December 31, 2011.