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SENATE . . . . . No. 215

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. McGee

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 establishing the after school and out of school time coordinating council.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. McGee	*Third Essex and Middlesex*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]* ☐
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 215) of Thomas M. McGee, Martha M. Walz, Jason M. Lewis, Thomas M. Stanley and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the after school and out of school time coordinating council. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *2278* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act establishing the after school and out of school time coordinating council.

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

Chapter 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 66. There is hereby established the Massachusetts Afterschool and Out-of-School Time Coordinating Council, to consist of 18 members: 1 representative from the Executive Office of Education to be appointed by the secretary of education; 4 members from the Legislature; 1 of whom shall be a member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker, 1 of whom shall be member of the senate to be appointed by the senate president, and 2 of whom shall be the chairs of the joint committee on education; provided, however, that 1 member of the house of representatives and 1 member of the senate shall be designated as co-chairs of the council; 5 members representing the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Early Education and Care, the Department of Higher Education, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Public Health, each to be appointed by the respective commissioner; and 8 members appointed by the governor including representatives from 2 community-based organizations providing afterschool and out-of-school time programs, a representative from the Board of Library Commissioners, a superintendent of schools whose district offers afterschool programs, a representative from private funders supporting afterschool and out-of-school time programs, a representative from Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership, a representative from the governor's youth council, and a parent or

19 guardian of a child who benefits from the services of afterschool and out-of-school time
20 programs for the purpose of improving and increasing the access of children and youth to
21 positive development opportunities in their non-school hours.

22 Of the members appointed by the governor, 3 shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, 1
23 for a term of 2 years, 1 for a term of 3 years, 2 for a term of 4 years. Upon expiration of the term
24 of a member appointed by the governor, his successor shall be appointed in a like manner for a
25 term of 5 years.

26 The council shall review existing state and local programs and policies and make
27 recommendations to strengthen afterschool and out-of-school time programs. Efforts of the
28 council shall include: establishing and enhancing access for all children and families to learning
29 opportunities; ensuring that afterschool and out-of-school time funding is well coordinated;
30 exploration of new revenue streams at federal, state, municipal and private levels to increase
31 access and quality of programs; creation of a centralized on-line listing of federal, state, local and
32 private funding; increasing public awareness of the importance of afterschool and out-of-school
33 time programs; improving quality and building support throughout the workforce; creating a
34 workforce development program based on national models; fostering partnerships and
35 collaborations; building and evaluating program quality; and encouraging public and private
36 support that will work to build a sustainable infrastructure for afterschool and out-of- school time
37 programs.

38 The council shall meet 4 times annually. The secretary of the executive office of
39 education shall appoint personnel necessary to coordinate the activities of the council and
40 provide administrative support to the council, as requested. The council shall: (1) develop,
41 coordinate and implement a state afterschool and out-of-school time system, including aligning
42 the efforts of the department of elementary and secondary education and the department early
43 education and care; (2) make recommendations regarding any legislation and regulations that
44 would affect the afterschool and out-of-school time system of the commonwealth in light of the
45 goals of the council; and (3) prepare and submit an annual progress report concerning the
46 council's activities with appropriate recommendations concerning afterschool and out-of-school
47 time programs to the governor, the clerks of the senate and the house who shall forward the same
48 to the chairs of the joint committee on education, and the joint committee on children, families
49 and persons with disabilities, and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and
50 means on or before December 31.