

HOUSE No. 473

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy and Karen E. Spilka

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act concerning genocide education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin and Senator Spilka, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 473) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others relative to the teaching of genocide education in the public schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act concerning genocide education.

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. Chapter 15 of the General Laws is hereby Amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 Section 67. Acts of genocide across the globe shall be included in the Massachusetts
4 history and social science curriculum frameworks for United States and world history to address
5 the notion that national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred can overtake any nation or society,
6 leading to calamitous consequences. To reinforce that lesson, such curriculum unit shall include,
7 but not be limited to, the Nazi atrocities of 1933 to 1945 known as the Holocaust, the Famine-
8 Genocide in Ukraine known as Holodomor, the Armenian Genocide, the Pontian Greek
9 Genocide, and more recent atrocities in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan. The studying of
10 this material is a reaffirmation of the commitment of free peoples from all nations to never again
11 permit the occurrence of another genocide and a recognition that crimes of genocide continue to

12 be perpetrated across the globe as they have been in the past, and to deter indifference to crimes
13 against humanity and human suffering wherever they may occur.

14 The department shall recommend curricular materials detailing the underlying causes,
15 international reaction, progression and aftermath of the aforementioned genocides, including
16 those recommendations established by chapter 276 of the acts of 1998.

17 The department may provide trainings, seminars, conferences and materials for educators
18 to use in the teaching of genocide.