

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The General Court



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HOUSE No. 539

PETITION OF:

Michael J. Rodrigues
Georgianna Saba

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT A CERTAIN HEALTH PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1.

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 54B the following section:— Section 54C. Each school district shall develop a program to identify and serve pupils with light-based reading difficulties, best defined, as of December 1, 2002 by screening practices and methodologies used to address Irlen syndrome and/or scotopic sensitivity, so called.

Note: HOUSE BILL 539 INFORMATION

House Bill 539 is pending in the House of Representatives in the State of Massachusetts. It has received significant legislative support. When passed, it is expected to return up to 25% of Special Education students to Regular Education thus potentially saving several million dollars annually as well as permitting the reallocation of resources.