

By Ms. Schur of Newton, petition of Susan D. Schur and other members of the General Court relative to implementation boards for higher education consolidations. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTATION BOARDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONSOLIDATIONS.

*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 15A of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 5 the following new section: —

3 *Section 5A.* There shall be established under the authority of  
4 the Board of Regents of Higher Education an Implementation  
5 Board which shall formulate plans for the consolidation of any of  
6 the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education. An Imple-  
7 mentation Board appointed by the Board of Regents for each such  
8 consolidation shall issue a report with recommendations to the  
9 Regents. The Regents shall act on these recommendations, and  
10 ensure that those recommendations approved are carried out.

11 Each Implementation Board shall consist of four members each  
12 from the Boards of Trustees of the affected institutions and five  
13 members at large, representing the academic, business and neigh-  
14 borhood interests of the affected communities. In addition, one  
15 elected student representative and one elected faculty representa-  
16 tive from each affected institution will have full voting rights and  
17 responsibilities on the Implementation Board.

18 Each Implementation Board shall also be responsible for:

19 (a) ensuring a coordinated approach to resolving the organiza-  
20 tional, personnel, facility and instructional issues affecting reor-  
21 ganization;

22 (b) developing and publishing a schedule or timetable for re-  
23 solving these issues;

24 (c) convening task forces to address these specific issues, which  
25 task forces should include trustees and former trustees, administra-  
26 tors, faculty, students, alumni, and representatives from the com-  
27 munities business and industries.

28 (d) ensuring that all students currently enrolled in the affected  
29 institutions are provided the opportunity to complete their degree  
30 program.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.