

By Mr. Albano, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 192) of Kathleen A. Kelley and Salvatore R. Albano for legislation to provide alternative educational settings. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS.

*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 37H of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by Chapter 430 of the Acts of 1973, is hereby  
3 amended by adding after the first paragraph the following  
4 paragraph: —

5 Each school committee's rules or regulations pertaining to the  
6 conduct of students shall include at least the following: proce-  
7 dures assuring due process for students in disciplinary proceed-  
8 ings; standards and procedures for suspension and expulsion of  
9 students; procedures that comply with State and Federal law  
10 pertaining to discipline of students with special needs; provision  
11 for screening a student who is suspended more than one time in  
12 one full year for an alternative education program; provision of  
13 education services for students of compulsory school age who are  
14 excluded from the regular education program for disciplinary  
15 reasons; standards and procedures to assure school building  
16 security and safety of students and school personnel; and the  
17 disciplinary measures to be taken in cases involving the posses-  
18 sion or use of illegal substances or weapons, the use of force,  
19 vandalism, or violation of other students' civil rights. The board  
20 of education may adopt regulations pertaining to the content of  
21 school committee codes of discipline for students, as well as the  
22 procedures used to develop such codes.

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