

SENATE No. 1699

By Mr. Houston, a petition of John Patrick Houston for legislation to require drug and alcohol abuse programs in the public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 17 the following section: —

3 Section 17A. Every town and city shall maintain in its public
4 schools programs related to drug and alcohol abuse, and the
5 adverse physiological, psychological, and social effects of such
6 abuse. The costs of such programs shall be funded by the
7 commonwealth.

8 Section 17B. Every town and city shall provide drug and
9 alcohol training programs for public school teachers of all grades.
10 Such programs shall focus on effective techniques for
11 communicating the adverse effects of drug and alcohol abuse, the
12 importance of peer influence, statistics and facts regarding the
13 level of substance abuse and its cost to society, the importance
14 of individual responsibility and decision-making, and alternative
15 outlets and activities to drug and alcohol use.

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