

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 312) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Richard T. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr, James B. Leary and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase parental involvement in education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN 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 1D of Chapter 69, as appearing in the 2000 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the  
3 following new paragraph:—  
4 “Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish a grant  
5 program for the purpose of encouraging city, town and regional  
6 school districts to devise and implement programs to increase  
7 parental involvement in their children’s academic experience.  
8 The department shall provide said school districts with assistance  
9 in developing such programs. Said grants may be made available  
10 for, but not limited to:  
11 1. Providing a parental involvement coordinator/parent liaison  
12 position;  
13 2. Increasing the frequency or available times of parent/teacher  
14 conferences;  
15 3. Improving communication, via the internet or other means,  
16 between classroom teachers and school parents with regard to  
17 homework assignments, current lesson plans and other school  
18 related issues;  
19 4. Establishing or expanding existing programs to provide  
20 training to parents for purposes of volunteering in the classrooms  
21 or assisting their child with education projects at home.  
22 5. Increasing parental involvement at the middle school and  
23 high school levels;

24 The department shall annually file with the house and senate  
25 clerks, and the house and senate committees on ways and means, a  
26 report on the grant program detailing the districts which received  
27 grants, the amount of each grant, the purposes for which it was  
28 used and the effectiveness of the program.”