

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, petition of Brian S. Dempsey, James P. Jajuga and Arthur J. Broadhurst for legislation to provide public service programs in the public high schools of the Commonwealth. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC HIGH 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 2B the following section: —
- 3 Section 2C. All public high schools in the commonwealth shall
- 4 establish a public service program which shall enable a student
- 5 to receive academic credit for volunteering his time performing
- 6 a public service or community interest activity. The school
- 7 committee shall make a determination as to the credit equivalency
- 8 of such activity prior to its being offered. Student participation
- 9 in said program may be voluntary or required in the discretion
- 10 of the school committee.
- 11 The commissioner of education shall establish guidelines for
- 12 said public service program, including but not limited to the
- 13 activities to be allowed and a minimum number of hours of
- 14 participation.

