

By Mr. Petersen of Marblehead, petition of Douglas W. Petersen and other members of the General Court relative to the Committee on Educational Policy and the Board of Education. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO GOVERNANCE OF 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 1. Section 18B of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting at the end of paragraph (b) the following sentence:— No
4 member of the council shall have at any time during a term of
5 service a conflict of interest or commitment such as those from
6 serving as an officer, director, fellow, employee or contractor for
7 any entity operating, providing services to, or advocating policy
8 concerning public or private elementary or secondary schools.

1 SECTION 2. Said section is further amended by striking out
2 the third sentence of paragraph (c) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following:— The council shall be subject to the provisions of
4 chapter thirty A.

1 SECTION 3. Section 1E of chapter 15 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting in the first sentence of the first paragraph before the
4 words “and five additional members” the following:— one repre-
5 sentative of public school teachers selected by the governor who
6 shall be when appointed or reappointed a teacher in a public ele-
7 mentary or secondary school of the commonwealth, one represen-
8 tative of public school parents selected by the governor who shall
9 be when appointed or reappointed a parent of a student in a public
10 elementary or secondary school of the commonwealth,.

11 The first paragraph of said section is further amended by
12 altering the portion of the third sentence now reading “No
13 appointive member” so that said sentence portion shall read:—
14 Except for the designated representative of public school teachers,
15 no member.

16 The initial term as a member of the board of education held by
17 the representative of public school teachers shall be for four years
18 beginning July first in the year two thousand and one, and terms
19 thereafter shall be for five years. The initial term as a member of
20 the board of education held by the representative of public school
21 parents shall be for two years beginning July first in the year two
22 thousand and one, and terms thereafter shall be for five years.

1 SECTION 4. Said section is further amended by inserting
2 before the period at the end of third sentence of the first paragraph
3 the following:— ; nor shall a member other than the designated
4 representatives of public education, labor and business have at any
5 time during a term of service a conflict of interest or commitment
6 such as those from serving as an officer, director, fellow,
7 employee or contractor for any entity operating, providing serv-
8 ices to, or advocating policy concerning public or private elemen-
9 tary or secondary schools.

1 SECTION 5. Said section is further amended by inserting at the
2 end of the first paragraph the following sentence:— The board
3 shall be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty A.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.