

HOUSE No. 4584

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 2005.

The committee on Children and Families, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3870) of Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation for an appropriation of a certain sum of money for a pilot domestic abuse prevention program for the South Shore area of the Commonwealth, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4584) ought to pass.

For the committee,

SHIRLEY OWENS-HICKS.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A PILOT DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
2 special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a pilot pro-
3 gram for the purpose of providing classroom based educational
4 programs to help prevent relationship violence. The Executive
5 Office of Health and Human Services shall, subject to appropria-
6 tion, enter into a contract with the Katie Brown Educational Founda-
7 tion for the purpose of developing and implementing the pilot
8 program. The pilot program shall provide classroom based pro-
9 grams in schools in cities and towns within the south coast area of
10 the state, including, but not limited to, Somerset, Swansea, and
11 Taunton. Such programs shall include, but need not be limited to,
12 interactive curricula and sessions to teach students in grades 5
13 through 12 alternatives to help prevent relationship violence. Such
14 curricula shall be age appropriate, help students understand atti-
15 tudes and behavior that can result in relationship violence, and
16 develop skills needed to promote respectful relationships. The
17 pilot program shall be undertaken in consultation with the state's
18 Department of Education and south coast area school officials.

19 The Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in con-
20 junction with the Katie Brown Educational Foundation, shall
21 submit a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program and the
22 possibility of expanding the program to other areas of the state to
23 the Joint Committee on Children and Families and the House and
24 Senate Ways and Means Committees no later than April 2, 2006.

1 SECTION 2. The Executive Office of Health and Human Serv-
2 ices shall, subject to appropriation, enter into a contract with the
3 Katie Brown Educational Foundation not to exceed \$100,000 to
4 implement the provisions of Section 1 of this act.

