

HOUSE No. 3034

By Ms. Resor of Acton, petition of Pamela P. Resor, Rachel Kaprielian and Kay Khan that teacher education programs include a one semester course in gender equity. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ENHANCE GENDER EQUITY 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 *Whereas, Schools often unknowingly further the inequity of*
- 2 *education and vocational opportunities of young women through*
- 3 *everyday classroom treatment that is biased.*
- 4 *Whereas, Federal law requires equal opportunity for young*
- 5 *women in schools.*
- 6 *For the purpose of providing the training necessary to enhance*
- 7 *equal educational and vocational opportunities to all students, all*
- 8 *Massachusetts teacher education programs shall include informa-*
- 9 *tion regarding gender equity, sexual harassment, accepting the*
- 10 *differences in cultural origins, sexual preferences and other issues*
- 11 *related to classroom equity.*

