

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2937

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, petition of Robert M. Koczera for legislation to permit students to be absent from public schools for religious observances. Education, Arts and Humanities.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

### AN ACT TO EXCUSE STUDENT ABSENCES FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE.

*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 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
3 word “months.”, in line 34, the following sentence:— “The super-  
4 intendent, or teachers in so far as authorized by him or by the  
5 school committee, shall excuse cases of absence for religious  
6 observance, and such absences shall not count towards the limit of  
7 absences otherwise permissible.”.

