

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2174**

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By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2174) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to establish a program of community based health and sexuality education services within the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote healthy behaviors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2266 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 24K, the following section:—  
3 Section 24L. The department shall establish a program of community based health and sexuality  
4 education services provided by comprehensive family planning agencies. Said program shall be  
5 designed to promote healthy behaviors among adolescents, parents and/or guardians by  
6 providing science based health information and education. Community based health education  
7 staff shall promote healthy behaviors within the community by providing specialized education  
8 and outreach to targeted high risk populations, parents and guardians and to staff of community  
9 based agencies providing services to young people. Said specialized education and outreach  
10 program shall include efforts to reduce unintended pregnancy; promote abstinence in order to  
11 delay adolescent sexual activity; increase parental ability to communicate with their children  
12 about healthy sexuality; and reduce unhealthy risk taking behavior among all individuals.

- 13 For the purposes of the section, comprehensive family planning agencies shall be defined
- 14 pursuant to section 24E of this chapter.