

HOUSE No. 330

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>

<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 330) of Chris Walsh and others relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia for students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 57 the following section:-

Section 57A. (a) For the purposes of this section, “Neurological Learning Disability” shall mean a specific learning disability including, but not limited to, dyslexia, as most recently defined by the National Institute of Health, that is neurobiological in origin.

(b) The department of elementary and secondary education shall issue guidelines for districts, to develop more targeted screening procedures or protocols for students for potential indicators of a neurological learning disability including, but not limited to, dyslexia. These indicators are phonemic awareness (PA), rapid automatized naming (RAN) and letter sound knowledge (LSK). Dyslexia Screening in the Commonwealth will include valid and efficient screening of these three indicators.