

MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor Kealy
FROM: Jessa Boubker
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RE: Legislative History — H.4218 An Act Regarding Breakfast After the Bell

Below is a description of where I looked, what I found, and what roadblocks I encountered when completing the legislative history of H.4218 An Act Regarding Breakfast After the Bell.

I first looked at malegislature.gov and found the bill's history. I found PDFs of the filed bills, as well as the amendments. I then went to MassTrac and found more information regarding the bill's history, roll call votes, and testimonies. MassTrac had oral testimonies transcribed which I put into a Google Doc with links. MassTrac had great information but unfortunately a lot of it isn't usable because it is subscription-based. However, I put it in the Google Doc anyways. MassTrac also had a lot of links to press on the bill which I uploaded into the Google Drive. I also looked at State House News service and found session summaries for the most important sessions discussing the bill.

I also ran a quick google search of the bill and found a lot of the same press links that MassTrac linked. But, I also found Rise & Shine Massachusetts, a nonprofit that was doing a lot of legislative work to pass the bill. I found an infographic that they made and a blog with numerous updates and videos about the bill. I posted links to the blog and videos in the press links document and saved the best posts as PDFs.

Fortunately, there was a lot of stuff written about this bill because it seems to have been a hot issue. The bill passed by a landslide in both the House and Senate. I couldn't find any signing statements or anything written by the governor regarding the bill and so the Executive Action Documents folder is empty.