

HOUSE No. 1289

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. and Sal N. DiDomenico

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 seatbelts on school buses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Representative McGonagle of Everett and Senator DiDomenico, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1289) of Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., Sal N. DiDomenico and Timothy R. Whelan relative to requirements for seatbelts on school buses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act relative to seatbelts on school buses.

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. Section 7B of chapter 90 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 official edition, is hereby amended by adding after the word "year" in line 129, the following:--
3 (19) Every school bus transporting students to or from a public, vocational, private or parochial
4 school shall be equipped with a seatbelt for each permanent seating accommodation designed
5 and installed in compliance with United States motor vehicle D.O.T. safety standards.

6 A city or town may enact a local ordinance or bylaw requiring that school buses
7 operating within the municipality must be equipped with seatbelts at an earlier implementation
8 date.

9 SECTION 2. No claim for damages shall arise from the failure of a school bus operator,
10 a school, school district or municipality to ensure that a passenger of a school bus was wearing
11 the restraint system prescribed by Sections 7B of Chapter 90 of the general laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022