

HOUSE No. 2599

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 school safety and security.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc T. Lombardo

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

22nd Middlesex

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2599) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to establish a tax credit for certain police officers serving in school districts. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to school safety and security.

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. Paragraph (a) of Part B of section 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 62 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further
3 amended by adding the following subparagraph:-

4 (17) In the case of a police officer who serves a school district pursuant to section 37P of
5 chapter 71, an amount equal to the lesser of the officer’s total earned credit or \$8,000. For
6 purposes of this subparagraph, “earned credit” shall mean the number of hours served in a given
7 school pursuant to section 37P of chapter 71 multiplied by the police detail rate of the
8 municipality in which the school resides. The amount of hours served shall be verified in a
9 writing signed by the municipality’s chief of police or his or her designee and the district’s
10 superintendent or his or her designee during each week the officer serves. The commissioner
11 shall adopt any necessary regulations for the implementation of this subparagraph.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
13 section 37O the following section:-

14 Section 37P. (a) For purposes of this section, “police officer” shall mean a duly sworn
15 municipal, state or special state police officer, including a part-time or retired officer, provided
16 that the officer has the necessary training, up-to-date certificates and a license to carry a firearm.

17 (b) A school district may supplement its staff with volunteer police officers to serve the
18 safety and security of its schools. Officers that volunteer to serve a school district under this
19 section shall not be paid by the district, municipality or any other person.