

HOUSE No. 3016

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

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 requiring school bus monitors on school buses transporting students in kindergarten through grade five.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3016) of Carole A. Fiola and others relative to requiring school bus monitors on school buses transporting students in kindergarten through grade five. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act requiring school bus monitors on school buses transporting students in kindergarten through grade five.

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 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Every school bus transporting school pupils enrolled in grade kindergarten through grade
4 5 shall have on board a school bus monitor, other than the school bus driver. Variances to the
5 requirement for a school bus monitor may be granted by the commissioner of elementary and
6 secondary education if the commissioner finds that an alternative plan provides substantially
7 equivalent safety for children. For purposes of this section, a school bus monitor shall be 18
8 years or older.

9 SECTION 2. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate
10 regulations relative to school bus monitors as necessary to implement this act.