

HOUSE No. 3291

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the safety of school children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3291) of Kate Hogan and others relative to the safety of school children. Education.

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An Act relative to the safety of school children.

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 1A of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The commissioner shall, in consultation with the commissioner of public safety, establish
4 regional school safety councils to assist local districts in developing school safety plans. The
5 school safety plans shall provide for actions that promote safe schools in the following areas; 1)
6 school design, 2) violence prevention, 3) man-made and natural hazards, 4) effective prevention
7 and mitigation of such hazards and 5) response to emergencies within school districts. Such
8 councils shall include representatives from public safety, education, mental health and
9 emergency management and shall be available to local districts before, during and after
10 emergencies and provide technical assistance appropriate for the emergency. Cost containment
11 shall be considered by the school safety councils when developing the school safety plans and
12 whenever possible the councils shall use existing protocols, personnel, and structures.