

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 508**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Robert P. Spellane**

*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 bill:

An Act requiring notification by schools to parents or guardians of victimized students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robert P. Spellane

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 570 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION BY SCHOOLS TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF VICTIMIZED STUDENTS.

*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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38N
- 2 the following section:
- 3 Section 38O. Whenever any incident occurs on school grounds that would be chargeable as a
- 4 felony if committed by an adult or subject to treatment as a youthful offender if committed by a
- 5 juvenile, the headmaster, principal, or other authorized administrator shall notify the parents or
- 6 guardians of the school population via United States mail within 48 hours of the incident. This
- 7 section shall cover incidents on the way to and from school sponsored events and at the event.
- 8 Disclosure of the offenders name shall not be required.