

HOUSE No. 580

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 580) of Carolyn C. Dykema, Vanna Howard and Sheila C. Harrington relative to fees for school transportation. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to school transportation.

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 68 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
3 sentence:—

4 A school committee may assess fees to transported students up to an amount sufficient to
5 cover the costs incurred by the district; provided, however, that a transported student whose
6 transportation is required under any other general or special law or who is eligible for free or
7 reduced lunch under the federal school lunch program shall not be required to pay the fee; and
8 provided further, that a school committee may exempt families at other income levels as it may
9 determine or offer discounts for families who pay transportation fees for multiple students; and
10 provided further, that fees may not be assessed based on distance from the schoolhouse.