

SENATE No. 55

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 cyber crime prevention in schools.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Linda Dean Campbell</i> | <i>15th Essex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 55) of Barry R. Finegold and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation relative to cyber crime prevention in schools. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

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

An Act relative to cyber crime prevention in schools.

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. The Secretary of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
2 shall establish a school district cyber crime prevention program to provide school districts with
3 information on strategies, best practices and programs offering training and assistance in the
4 prevention of cyber crimes in school districts.

5 SECTION 2. The school district cyber crime prevention services program, directly and in
6 conjunction with other departments and agencies of the state, federal agencies or local
7 governments, shall provide school districts with access to the following services: (a) information
8 on strategies, best practices and programs offering training and assistance in the prevention of
9 cyber crimes in school districts or otherwise affecting school districts, including, but not limited
10 to: hacking, phishing and the use of viruses, malware and Denial of Service attacks; (b)
11 information on eligibility and applications for financial assistance for school district cyber crime
12 prevention services; (c) information on eligibility and applications for other programs of

13 financial assistance for school district cyber crime prevention that may from time to time be
14 available from the state, federal agencies or local governments; (d) information on protecting the
15 assets of school districts from cyber crime, including risk reduction strategies and insurance
16 availability; and (e) information on responses to cyber crime, including reporting of cyber
17 crimes, submitting insurance claims and cyber crime victim assistance programs.

18 SECTION 3. The school district cyber crime prevention services program shall, with the
19 assistance of other appropriate state agencies, identify issues relating to cyber crime affecting
20 school districts and assist DESE in making recommendations for legislative, regulatory and
21 programmatic actions to address such issues.