

HOUSE No. 1696

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 regarding willful injury to public defenders and other court personnel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 1696

By Representative Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1696) of James M. Murphy relative to the penalties for willful injury to public defenders and other court personnel. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act regarding willful injury to public defenders and other court personnel.

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 269, of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Section 14C: Whoever willfully harms, or commits serious bodily injury directly or
4 indirectly to any public employee, public defender, employee of the District Attorney's office,
5 probation officer, or any member of the court system, shall be punished by imprisonment in the
6 state prison for not more than two years or by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars.