

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 368**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Gloria L. Fox*

*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 to establish a school pilot anti-violence silent alarm program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Gloria L. Fox*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*7th Suffolk*

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By Ms. Fox of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 368) of Gloria L. Fox for legislation to establish a pilot program for the installation of silent alarms in public and private schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 390 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to establish a school pilot anti-violence silent alarm program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Help should Only be the Push of a Button Away when it comes to our children. We have  
2 this system set up to protect money, jewelry, fur, OTHER ARTS AND ARTIFACTS.

3 Establish and install into twelve schools (private, public, pilot, and charter) randomly  
4 selected across the commonwealth. This bill would direct the Department of Education to work  
5 collaboratively with the Department of Public Safety to create a pilot program that would install  
6 silent alarm systems that would link the schools to the emergency 911 and first responders  
7 system within their area.

8            Whatever the emergency – hold up, break-in or fire – pushing the panic button will notify  
9 our monitoring center that something is wrong and urgent help is needed. And will immediately  
10 call the appropriate authorities and direct them to the location when a panic button is activated.

11            Along with the panic buttons that come on your First Alert Keypad, panic buttons are  
12 available as key fobs, pendants, and as actual panic buttons to place around your building,  
13 including under desks and, or wherever they need them.