

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4247**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***F. Jay Barrows***

*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 authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish additional mandated reporters for the purpose of the protection and care of children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*F. Jay Barrows*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*1st Bristol*

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By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of F. Jay Barrows for legislation to establish additional mandated reporters for the purposes of the protection and care of children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act to authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish additional mandated reporters for the purpose of the protection and care of children.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish additional mandated reporters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purposes of protection and care of children., therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

*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:

2 In addition those defined as mandated reporters in MGL chapter 119, section 21, this act  
3 requests the following people to also be considered mandated reporters in the Commonwealth of  
4 Massachusetts:

5 a. Any public or private school employee in Massachusetts

6 b. Persons who care for or work with a child in any public or private child care  
7 facility in the Commonwealth, paid or unpaid;

8 c. All employees in the Commonwealth

9           d.       All volunteers who regularly work with children in locally-based teams and  
10 organizations such as volunteer youth sports coaches, church volunteers, park and recreation,  
11 library, scouting, boys and girls clubs, YMCA, and any other person in a local youth  
12 organization who has contact with children.

13           e.       All of the above apply to persons age 18 and over.

14           SECTION 2:

15           All designated mandated reporters in the commonwealth shall be required to take training  
16 as provided by the proper state agencies, and any additional refresher training provided by the  
17 state certified agencies.