

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 156**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.*

*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 authorizing sheriffs' departments to engage in truancy programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/13/2011</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>
<i>Sean Curran</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 156) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to request the assistance of sheriffs' departments in truancy enforcement programs. Education.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act authorizing sheriffs' departments to engage in truancy programs.

*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. MGL Chapter 37, Section 13 is amended by inserting at the end of Section  
2   13, adding the following New Section: "Section 13A. At the request of the Superintendent of  
3   Schools of a city or town, with the approval of such request by the School Committee thereof, a  
4   Sheriff may engage employees of his department, if he elects to do so, in programs dealing with  
5   truancy including, but not necessarily limited to, the apprehension of truant students and the  
6   transporting of them in Sheriff's Department vehicles to locations designated by the  
7   Superintendent."

8           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on passage