SENATE No. 232

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 enhancing school district transportation safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME: DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Benjamin B. Downing Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden

SENATE No. 232

By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 232) of Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to enhance school district transportation safety. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 202 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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

SECTION 1. Section 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 47, the following paragraph:-

"Notwithstanding subsection (a) a school district may apply to the department for reimbursement of transportation costs incurred by said district for transporting a student who resides less than one and one-half miles from the school if the route that said student would otherwise travel does not include access to a pedestrian sidewalk, or has a documented history of vehicular accidents."

SECTION 2. The department shall promulgate regulations to effectuate this section.