

**SENATE . . . . . No. 232**

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**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:

*Benjamin B. Downing*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*

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

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[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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An Act enhancing school district transportation 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. Section 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 47, the following paragraph:-

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

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