

SENATE No. 63

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 protecting certain employees of private schools from frivolous reports filed pursuant to section 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael F. Rush

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Suffolk

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 63) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to protect certain employees of private schools from frivolous reports filed pursuant to section 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act protecting certain employees of private schools from frivolous reports filed pursuant to section 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an at-will non-
2 management employee of a private school in the commonwealth who in a report filed under
3 section 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws is suspected of child abuse or neglect shall not
4 be discharged from employment without a review of the report and a fair hearing held to
5 determine the validity of the report. The employee shall have the right to be represented at the
6 hearing by an attorney, to examine and cross examine witnesses and to receive a stenographic
7 transcript of the hearing, the cost of the transcript to be at the employer’s expense.