

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2968**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*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 relative to school zones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2968) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to motor vehicle speed limits in school zones. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to school zones.

*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 2 of chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- No city or town shall, by  
3 rule, regulation, order, ordinance or by-law, establish a school zone that extends less than 500  
4 feet beyond the real property comprising the school to which the zone relates.

5           SECTION 2. Section 17 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
6 amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:- Any person operating a  
7 motor vehicle through the parameters of a school zone established as provided in said section 2  
8 of said chapter 85 at a speed which exceeds the posted limit shall be subject to a fine of 2 times  
9 the amount currently in effect for the violation issued.