

HOUSE No. 3394

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 the safety of school children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3394) of Kate Hogan and others for legislation to establish regional school safety councils. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the safety of school children.

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 1A of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The commissioner shall, in consultation with the commissioner of public safety, establish
4 regional school safety councils to assist local districts in developing school safety plans. The
5 school safety plans shall provide for actions that promote safe schools in the following areas: (1)
6 school design and structural safety, (2) violence prevention, (3) man-made and natural hazards,
7 and the effective prevention and mitigation of such hazards, and (4) district responses to
8 emergencies within school districts. The regional school safety councils shall include
9 representatives from the departments of public safety, elementary and secondary education,
10 mental health and the Massachusetts emergency management agency and shall be available to
11 local districts before, during and after emergencies and shall provide technical assistance as
12 appropriate for each emergency. Cost containment shall be considered by the regional school

- 13 safety councils when developing the school safety plans and whenever possible the councils shall
- 14 use existing protocols, personnel, and structures.