

SENATE No. 1862

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives

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 bus safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1862) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Frank A. Moran and Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to school bus safety. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to school bus 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 7B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 129 after clause (18) the following:-

3 (19) In addition to other monitoring devices lawfully authorized to be installed on school
4 buses and notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any city or town within the
5 Commonwealth is hereby authorized to install and operate video camera monitoring systems,
6 with audio recording capabilities, on school buses solely for the purpose of ensuring the safety of
7 bus passengers and drivers. All recorded video images and other photographic information
8 obtained through the use of such school bus monitoring system authorized in this section that do
9 not identify any violations shall be destroyed by any city, town, school department or vendor
10 within 30 days of the date the image was recorded, unless otherwise ordered by a court of
11 competent jurisdiction. All photographic and other recorded information that identifies a
12 violation shall be destroyed within 1 year of final disposition of proceedings related to the

13 enforcement or defense of a violation, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent
14 jurisdiction. Any school bus installed with a monitoring system shall post warning signage
15 indicating the use of such system. The signage shall remain on each bus as long as a school bus
16 monitoring system is in operation.