

SENATE No. 277

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 277) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to enhance school district transportation safety. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 232 OF 2013-2014.]

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

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 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 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 1.5 miles from the school if the route that said student would otherwise travel
6 does not include access to a pedestrian sidewalk, or has a documented history of vehicular
7 accidents.”

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