

SENATE No. 337

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka, (BY REQUEST)

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 interrupting the school to prison pipeline.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

William Robinson

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By Ms. Spilka (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 337) of William Robinson for legislation to interrupt the school to prison pipeline. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 268 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act interrupting the school to prison pipeline.

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. Whereas, Massachusetts’ out of school student suspension rate is 4.3% in
2 2012-13, Blacks students were at risk 10.0% vs. white 2.7%

3 Where as, in 2012-13 Latino students were at risk 8.4% vs. white 2.7%

4 Where as, in 2012-13 Disabilities students were at risk 8.5% vs. white 2.7%

5 Therefore, the new Chapter 222 “Student Discipline” Law (M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H ¾) is
6 amended to insure that Emergency Removal of suspended/expelled students are safe, healthy and
7 have appropriate transportation.

8 SECTION 2. Hereby amends Section 37H ³/₄ of Chapter 71 as appearing in the Official
9 Edition of the General Laws passed through May June 30, 2014 by adding after the following
10 paragraph (f).

11 (g) Emergency Removal of students that are suspended/expelled should be safe and have
12 transportation that is provided directly by the school district and not by another agency so that
13 the chain of custody responsibility is not interrupted or broken. If the student qualifies for meals,
14 meals must be provided by the school district prior to Emergency Removal.

15 SECTION 3. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education should promulgate the
16 amendment to Massachusetts school districts.