

HOUSE No. 300

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David K. Muradian, Jr., (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 relative to school transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Martha McLaughlin</i>		<i>1/17/2017</i>

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By Mr. Muradian of Grafton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 300) of Martha McLaughlin relative to school transportation. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to school transportation.

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 68 of chapter 71, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
2 striking out the second and third sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 2
3 sentence:- If the distance between a child’s residence and the school the child is entitled to attend
4 exceeds 1/2 mile, the distance has sidewalks and the nearest school bus stop is more than 1/ 4
5 mile from such residence, and the school committee declines to furnish transportation, the
6 department, upon appeal of the parent or guardian of the child, may require the town to furnish
7 transportation for children in grades kindergarten through grade 12 for all of the distance
8 between said child’s residence and the school. If said distance exceeds 3 miles, and the distance
9 between the child’s residence and a school in an adjoining town giving substantially equivalent
10 instruction is less than 3 miles, and the school committee declines to pay for tuition in such
11 nearer school, and for transportation in case the distance thereto exceeds 1/2 mile, the
12 department, upon like appeal, may require the town of residence to pay for tuition in such nearer

- 13 school for children in grades kindergarten through 12, and if necessary provide for transportation
- 14 for the whole of said distance to, such nearer school for children in said grades.