

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 300

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## 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:

*Martha McLaughlin*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

DATE ADDED:

*1/17/2017*

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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)  
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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.