

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3016**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Carole A. Fiola***

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*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 requiring school bus monitors on school buses transporting students in kindergarten through grade five.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3016) of Carole A. Fiola and others relative to requiring school bus monitors on school buses transporting students in kindergarten through grade five. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act requiring school bus monitors on school buses transporting students in kindergarten through grade five.

*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 appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Every school bus transporting school pupils enrolled in grade kindergarten through grade  
4 5 shall have on board a school bus monitor, other than the school bus driver. Variances to the  
5 requirement for a school bus monitor may be granted by the commissioner of elementary and  
6 secondary education if the commissioner finds that an alternative plan provides substantially  
7 equivalent safety for children. For purposes of this section, a school bus monitor shall be 18  
8 years or older.

9 SECTION 2. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate  
10 regulations relative to school bus monitors as necessary to implement this act.