

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1492**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Tackey Chan*

*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 to increase the penalty for school tardiness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1492) of Tackey Chan for legislation to increase the penalty assessed on parents or guardians for excessive school truancy of a child. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1377 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to increase the penalty for school tardiness.

*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 2 of Chapter 76 of the General Laws is hereby amended in line 5 by  
2 striking out the words “be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars” and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following words:- “be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each  
4 day that the child does not attend school.”