

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1582**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 prohibit sex offenders from entering on to public or private school property for any reason.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1582) of Colleen M. Garry, Steven G. Xiarhos and David F. DeCoste relative to prohibiting sex offenders from entering public or private school property for any reason. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3288 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to prohibit sex offenders from entering on to public or private school property for any reason.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 265 of the M.G.L. shall be amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

2 Section 59. A sex offender, as defined by section 178C of chapter 6, shall not be allowed  
3 on public or private school property for any reason. Any sex offender who violates this provision  
4 shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or by  
5 a fine of \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A police officer or officer authorized to  
6 serve criminal process may arrest, without a warrant, any person whom he has probable cause to  
7 believe has violated this section.