

HOUSE No. 2450

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 ensuring school bus safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2450) of Shawn Dooley relative to critical incident response protocols for school bus incidents. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3614 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act ensuring school bus safety.

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 2 paragraphs:-

3 No person shall operate a school bus, unless the school bus is equipped with a
4 functioning panic button that will allow operators to discreetly contact fire, police or medical
5 personnel in an emergency situation.

6 All school bus operators, in conjunction with applicable school districts and public safety
7 officials shall formulate critical incident response protocols for incidents, including but not
8 limited to protocols for active shooters and other critical incidents occurring while pupils are in-
9 transit. Said protocols shall be reviewed with pupils on a yearly basis.

10 SECTION 2. Section 8A of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
11 inserting after the word “injector”, in line46, the following words:- and basic emergency
12 response protocols required pursuant to section 7B.