

HOUSE No. 575

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 establishing mandatory school lockdown drills in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 575) of Shawn Dooley and Alyson M. Sullivan relative to establishing mandatory lockdown drills in public and private elementary and secondary schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 433 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act establishing mandatory school lockdown drills in the Commonwealth.

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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38R the
2 following section:-

3 Section 38S. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the
4 following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

5 “School”, every public or private elementary and secondary school in the commonwealth;
6 provided, however, that this shall not include colleges and universities.

7 (b) The principal, headmaster or other administrator of each school, in consultation with
8 the local police department, shall establish critical incident response protocols for the school,

9 including but not limited to protocols for active shooters and other critical incidents during: (i)
10 lunch, assembly and class switching periods, and (ii) fire alarm activations.

11 (c) Each school shall conduct at least 2 lockdown drills and 1 safety briefing for students
12 and staff each school year held at the school during the regular school day.

13 (d) The safety briefing held pursuant to subsection (c) shall be held within the first 2
14 weeks of the school year and shall educate students and staff on the school's safety protocols
15 established pursuant to subsection (b).

16 (e) One lockdown drill performed pursuant to subsection (c) shall be performed within
17 the first month of the school year.

18 (f) If a school hosts summer school, the school shall conduct at least 1 lockdown drill and
19 1 safety briefing during the summer school session; provided, that this is in addition to the
20 lockdown drill and safety briefings required during the regular school year pursuant to this
21 section.