

HOUSE No. 619

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford Hill

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 school recess.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/14/2021</i>

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 619) of Bradford Hill relative to school recess. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 489 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to school recess.

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 1G of Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end
2 thereof the following paragraph:-

3 All children in grades kindergarten through 5 attending public schools shall receive one
4 hundred minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week so that there
5 are at least twenty consecutive minutes of recess per day. As used herein, the term "recess"
6 means a period of time during the regular school day, which a pupil is able to engage in
7 unstructured physical activity or social interaction with other pupils. Such unstructured
8 environment shall be supervised by appropriate school personnel. Regulations promulgated by
9 the department may not exclude recess from structured learning time requirements for

- 10 elementary school children and may not increase the total number of hours required in the school
- 11 year to meet the provisions of this subsection.