

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa and James K. Hawkins

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 safe return to school.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/13/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>

HOUSE No.

By Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton and Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, James K. Hawkins and others relative to schools reopening for full in-person learning. Education.

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

An Act relative to safe return to school.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure a return to full in-person education is done according to the best public health metrics while protecting the safety of educators, faculty, staff, children, and families, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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 69 of the MGL shall be amended in Section 1A by adding the following:

2 The Commissioner shall not require schools to reopen for full in-person learning before
3 April 26, 2021. Further, the Commissioner shall work with the Department of Public Health to
4 ensure that educators, staff, employees affiliated with schools, and all persons who volunteer
5 within schools have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, administered by municipal health
6 departments, pharmacies, or other health care providers, before requiring a return to full in-
7 person learning.