

SENATE No. 370

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 a hate crimes grant program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/9/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 370) of Michael O. Moore, John C. Velis and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to establish a hate crimes grant program. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2324 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act establishing a hate crimes grant program.

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 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1Q the
2 following section:-

3 Section 1R. The department of elementary and secondary education, in coordination with
4 the executive office of public safety and security and the Massachusetts governor’s hate crimes
5 task force, shall establish a grant program, subject to appropriation, for the education and
6 prevention of hate crimes and incidences of bias in public schools. The grants shall be used for
7 education and prevention programs in school districts for the purposes of education, professional
8 development, prevention, or community outreach. The department shall develop guidelines
9 governing the implementation of this grant program. In awarding grants, priority shall be given
10 to communities with an identified need.