

HOUSE No. 1510

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 prohibit sex offenders from entering on to public or private school property for any reason.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/10/2023</i> |
| <i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Carol A. Doherty</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | <i>2/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>4/6/2023</i> |

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By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1510) of Colleen M. Garry, Marcus S. Vaughn and Carol A. Doherty relative to prohibiting sex offenders from entering public or private school property for any reason. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1582 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to prohibit sex offenders from entering on to public or private school property for any reason.

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 265 of the M.G.L. shall be amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

2 Section 59. A sex offender, as defined by section 178C of chapter 6, shall not be allowed
3 on public or private school property for any reason. Any sex offender who violates this provision
4 shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or by
5 a fine of \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A police officer or officer authorized to
6 serve criminal process may arrest, without a warrant, any person whom he has probable cause to
7 believe has violated this section.