

HOUSE No. 1569

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 bus stop safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1569) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to prohibit certain sex offenders from loitering within 500 feet of school bus stops. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to school bus stop safety.

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 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 47, the following new section:

3 Section 47A. A sex offender who has been finally classified as a level 2 or level 3 sex
4 offender, and for as long as the sex offender is obligated to register, shall be prohibited from
5 loitering within 500 feet of a school bus stop which has been designated as such by any city,
6 town, or school district.

7 For the purposes of this section, loitering shall mean remaining in the prohibited location
8 for more than 15 minutes. A sex offender who is the parent or legal guardian of a child scheduled
9 to depart from or arrive at a school bus stop, may remain at the prohibited location in excess of
10 15 minutes, but only until such time as the child has departed or arrived.

11 A sex offender who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$500 for a first
12 offense; for a second offense by a fine of \$1,000, or by imprisonment in a house of correction for

13 not more than 3 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and for a third or subsequent
14 offense by a fine of \$1,500 and not less than 3 months nor more than 2 ½ years in a house of
15 correction. Written notification shall be made to the sex offender registry board of any such
16 violation.