

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo, (BY REQUEST)

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 to implement safety measures by placing metal detectors in public schools and municipal public buildings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kelly Calascibetta</i>		<i>9/14/2023</i>

HOUSE No.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly Calascibetta relative to metal detectors in public schools and municipal buildings. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to implement safety measures by placing metal detectors in public schools and municipal public buildings.

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 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 Section 134. (a) For the purposes of this section, “public building” shall mean a building
4 owned by a city or town or in an enclosed indoor space occupied by a city or town which is
5 located in a building not owned by the city or town. A public primary or secondary school
6 building or a public vocational school building shall not be included as public buildings in this
7 section.

8 (b) A city or town shall, subject to appropriation, in each public building located in that
9 city or town, employ the use of metal detectors or any other similar security devices to prevent a
10 person from bringing dangerous and deadly weapons including, but not limited to, guns and
11 knives or any other contraband into the public building.

12 (c) A city council, in the case of a city, or a select board or board of selectmen, in the
13 case of a town, shall establish a policy for the implementation and use of such metal detectors or
14 similar security devices in public buildings.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
16 section:-

17 Section 100. (a) Each school committee or board of trustees shall, subject to
18 appropriation, in each public primary or secondary school or public vocational school under its
19 control, employ the use of metal detectors or any other similar security devices to prevent a
20 person from bringing dangerous and deadly weapons including, but not limited to, guns and
21 knives or any other contraband into the school.

22 (b) Each school committee or board of trustees shall establish a policy for the
23 implementation and use of such metal detectors or similar security devices at a school pursuant
24 to subsection (a).