

SENATE No. 305

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 promote safe firearm storage education and increase the well-being of students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/27/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/18/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>5/3/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>6/12/2023</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 305) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to promote safe firearm storage education and increase the well-being of students. Education.

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

An Act to promote safe firearm storage education and increase the well-being of students.

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

3 Section 99. (a) The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop
4 model content for the safe storage of firearms in consultation with the executive office of public
5 safety and security for school districts, as defined by section 2 of chapter 70, in order for the
6 districts to disseminate that content to families. Said model content shall include information for
7 students and their families, parents, and guardians regarding the importance of secure gun
8 storage to protect minors from accessing firearms, the risks of access to firearms, secure firearm
9 storage requirements, and suicide prevention and other behavioral health resources.

10 (b) School districts, as defined by section 2 of chapter 70, shall annually distribute
11 pamphlets containing information developed pursuant to subsection (a) to all enrolled students

- 12 and their parents or guardians, in English or Spanish, and make said information electronically
- 13 accessible on the district's webpage.