

HOUSE No. 1779

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>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1779) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1569 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 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 more than 15
10 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.”