

HOUSE No. 3787

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Priscila S. Sousa

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 addressing the shortage of school bus drivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Sousa of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3787) of Priscila S. Sousa relative to commercial drivers licenses for school bus operators. Transportation.

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

An Act addressing the shortage of school bus drivers.

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. Section 8A1/2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following:-

3 “Any individual without a CDL license may declare their intent to attain said license
4 solely for use in operating a school bus. Any such person shall be allowed to take the written
5 CDL examination without questions relating to maintenance and visual inspections of the
6 vehicle’s engine and other mechanical components. Any CDL license issued through this process
7 shall only apply to the operation of school buses, any person holding said license would have to
8 pass a full written examination without exemptions before operating other forms of commercial
9 vehicles. The entity maintaining ownership of the school bus shall be responsible for inspection
10 and maintenance of said vehicle to ensure its proper functioning.”