

HOUSE No. 3942

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joshua Tarsky

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 increasing the safety and security in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joshua Tarsky</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>5/23/2025</i>

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By Representative Tarsky of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3942) of Joshua Tarsky relative to safety and security in schools. Education.

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

An Act relative to increasing the safety and security in schools.

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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2JJJJJ the
2 following section:-

3 Section 2KKKKKK. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the School Resource Officer Fund, to be
5 administered by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education. There shall be
6 credited to the fund: (i) any appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and
7 specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources,
8 including gifts, grants and donations; and (iii) interest earned on any money in the fund. The
9 commissioner may make expenditures from the fund without further appropriation for the
10 purposes of providing funding to cities, towns, regional school districts and the department of
11 state police for the assignment of school resource officers in schools, pursuant to section 37P of
12 chapter 71; provided, that the commissioner determines that the city, town or school district does
13 not have sufficient resources to otherwise assign a school resource officer.

14 (b) Annually, not later than July 1, the commissioner shall submit to the clerks of the
15 house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the
16 joint committee on education and the joint committee on public safety and homeland security a
17 report on the activities of the fund.