

HOUSE No. 625

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael P. Kushmerek

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 corporal punishment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 625) of Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to prohibit corporal punishment of pupils at private educational institutions. Education.

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

An Act relative to corporal punishment.

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 37G of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “committee”, in line 1, the
3 following words:- or a private educational institution providing a course of study through the
4 twelfth grade.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 37G of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby further
6 amended by striking out the words “of the school committee”, in line 2, and inserting in place
7 thereof the following word:- thereof.

8 SECTION 3. Said section 37G of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby further
9 amended by inserting after the word “committee”, in line 6, the following words:- or a private
10 educational institution providing a course of study through the twelfth grade.

11 SECTION 4. Said section 37G of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby further
12 amended by striking out the words “of the school committee”, in lines 6 and 7, and inserting in
13 place thereof the following word:- thereof.

14 SECTION 5. Subsection (b) of said section 37G of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is
15 hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- When such an assault has occurred in a
16 private educational institution, the institution shall file a detailed report with the board of
17 education.