

HOUSE No. 681

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Estela A. Reyes

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 combating violence in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Reyes of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 681) of Estela A. Reyes that school councils provide packets and trainings for managing children's wellbeing at home. Education.

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

An Act relative to combating violence 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 71 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 219 of chapter 238
2 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 102. (a) School councils established in section 59C shall hold meetings for
4 parents and guardians of students in grades K through 12 to discuss their child’s well-being. The
5 timeframe of the meetings shall include, but not be limited to: (i) 1 meeting within the first 12
6 weeks of the school year and (ii) 1 meeting within the first 8 weeks after the new year break of
7 the school year.

8 (b) School councils shall provide a packet with information for parents and guardians at
9 the meetings on how to manage their child’s wellbeing at home including, but not limited to,
10 information on: (i) spotting depression or aggressive thoughts by a student; and (ii) ways to
11 combat future violence by students. Students shall be provided with a packet to be brought home
12 for parents and guardians during both meeting timeframes in subsection (a).

13 (c) School councils shall hold in-person trainings for parents and guardians at the
14 meetings on how to manage their child's wellbeing at home.

15 (d) The department of elementary and secondary education shall assist school councils
16 with preparing and making available the packet and in-person training for parents or guardians
17 on how to manage their child's wellbeing at home.