

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 736**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Andres X. Vargas*

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*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 to establish de-escalation training in student transportation.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 736) of Andres X. Vargas relative to providing for de-escalation tactics and techniques approved by the Commissioner of Education for school bus operators. Education.

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

An Act to establish de-escalation training in student transportation.

*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 8A of chapter 90, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition of the  
2 General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following  
3 paragraph:- There shall be training relative to de-escalation tactics and techniques approved by  
4 the commissioner of education required for all school bus operators. If employed, the operator’s  
5 employer shall pay for the cost of the de-escalation training.