

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 school bus stop safety.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1569 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to school bus stop safety.

*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. Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 47, the following new section:

3 “Section 47A. A sex offender who has been finally classified as a level 2 or level 3 sex  
4 offender, and for as long as the sex offender is obligated to register, shall be prohibited from  
5 loitering within 500 feet of a school bus stop which has been designated as such by any city,  
6 town, or school district.

7 For the purposes of this section, loitering shall mean remaining in the prohibited location  
8 for more than 15 minutes. A sex offender who is the parent or legal guardian of a child scheduled  
9 to depart from or arrive at a school bus stop, may remain at the prohibited location more than 15  
10 minutes, but only until such time as the child has departed or arrived.

11           A sex offender who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$500 for a first  
12 offense; for a second offense by a fine of \$1,000, or by imprisonment in a house of correction for  
13 not more than 3 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and for a third or subsequent  
14 offense by a fine of \$1,500 and not less than 3 months nor more than 2 ½ years in a house of  
15 correction. Written notification shall be made to the sex offender registry board of any such  
16 violation.”