SENATE No. 1748

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 the safety of children in school buses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Patrick M. O'ConnorFirst Plymouth and Norfolk

FILED ON: 1/11/2025

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1748) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to the safety of children in school buses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1573 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the safety of children in school buses.

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 7B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the
- 2 sentence beginning after "(8)" in line 84 and inserting thereof the following:-
- 3 "Every school bus shall be equipped with safety belts for the operator thereof and for
- 4 every seat that is designated to a pupil, and said operator and pupils shall securely fasten said
- 5 seat belts while the school bus is in motion"