

**SENATE . . . . . No. 3021**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Brendan P. Crighton***

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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 updating Massachusetts student transportation.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brendan P. Crighton*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Third Essex*

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3021) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to update Massachusetts student transportation. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**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 updating Massachusetts 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 7D of Part I, Title XIV, Chapter 90 is hereby amended by striking out the first  
2 paragraph and replacing it with the following paragraph:-

3           Section 7D. The requirements of clauses (1), (2), (3), (5), (7), (8), (9), (10), (13) and (16)  
4 of section seven B shall apply to any motor vehicle carrying not more than eight passengers in  
5 addition to the operator, used in the business of transporting school pupils for hire under terms of  
6 contract or otherwise, while so used, but not including any motor vehicle used for not more than  
7 five days in case of emergency. The requirement of clauses (2), (3), (5), (8), (9), (10), (13) and  
8 (16) of section seven B shall apply to any motor vehicle manufactured after the year 2018,  
9 carrying not more than eight passengers in addition to the operator, used in the business of  
10 transporting school pupils for hire under terms of contract or otherwise, while so used, but not  
11 including any motor vehicle used for not more than five days in case of emergency. In addition,  
12 each such vehicle shall be required to be equipped with one pair of adequate chock blocks, a fire

13 extinguisher, three flares in compliance with United States Motor Vehicle D.O.T. Safety  
14 Standard No. 125, which shall be placed upon the roadway in conformance with section fourteen  
15 B of chapter eighty-five when such vehicle becomes disabled upon the traveled portion of any  
16 way, and seat belts for each permanent seating accommodation designed and installed in  
17 compliance with applicable United States Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Each such vehicle  
18 manufactured after 2018, used in the business of transporting school pupils for hire under terms  
19 of contract or otherwise, while so used, shall have a rooftop sign marked "School  
20 Transportation" that is reflective and magnetic, but does not have to be permanently affixed to  
21 the vehicle. No person shall operate a motor vehicle referred to in this section, nor knowingly  
22 allow any passenger to ride in such vehicle unless the operator and all passengers are wearing a  
23 safety belt which is properly adjusted and fastened.