

SENATE No. 355

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 reducing costs for teachers and school personnel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2025</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 355) of Ryan C. Fattman and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to require the commonwealth to cover costs associated with fingerprint-based criminal background checks of teachers and school personnel. Education.

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

An Act reducing costs for teachers and school personnel.

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 38R of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is amended by striking the last paragraph in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the
3 following:- "The applicant shall not be required to pay a fee to offset the costs of operating and
4 administering a fingerprint-based criminal background check system. The costs associated with
5 operating and administering the system shall be fully borne by the Commonwealth."