

HOUSE No. 1695

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>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1695) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to prohibit certain sex offenders from loitering within 500 feet of a school bus stop. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 2018 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 in excess of
10 15 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.