

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1696**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Murphy*

*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 regarding willful injury to public defenders and other court personnel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1696) of James M. Murphy relative to the penalties for willful injury to public defenders and other court personnel. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act regarding willful injury to public defenders and other court 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 1. Chapter 269, of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 official edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3           Section 14C: Whoever willfully harms, or commits serious bodily injury directly or  
4 indirectly to any public employee, public defender, employee of the District Attorney's office,  
5 probation officer, or any member of the court system, shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
6 state prison for not more than two years or by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars.