

HOUSE No. 02717

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the protection of school children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>David Vieira,</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gailanne Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2717) of Story and others for legislation to establish regional school safety councils Joint Committee on Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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2 the authority of the same, as follows:

3 Whereas there exists a need to ensure the safety of school children in the commonwealth, the
4 Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Public Safety are directed to establish regional
5 school safety councils to assist local districts with developing school safety plans that provide for
6 actions that promote safe schools in the area of design, violence prevention, man made and
7 natural hazards, effective prevention and mitigation of such hazards and response to emergencies
8 within school districts. Such councils shall, at a minimum, include representatives from public
9 safety, education, mental health and emergency management and shall be available to local
10 districts before, during and after emergencies and provide technical assistance appropriate for the
11 emergency.