

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3614**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Shawn Dooley*

*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 ensuring school bus safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3614) of Shawn Dooley, Michael J. Soter and José F. Tosado relative to critical incident response protocols for school bus incidents. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act ensuring school bus 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. Section 7B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

3 No person shall operate a school bus, unless the school bus is equipped with a  
4 functioning panic button that will allow operators to discreetly contact fire, police or medical  
5 personnel in an emergency situation.

6 All school bus operators, in conjunction with applicable school districts and public safety  
7 officials shall formulate critical incident response protocols for incidents, including but not  
8 limited to protocols for active shooters and other critical incidents occurring while pupils are in-  
9 transit. Said protocols shall be reviewed with pupils on a yearly basis.

10 SECTION 2. Section 8A of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
11 inserting after the word “injector”, in line46, the following words:- and basic emergency  
12 response protocols required pursuant to section 7B.