

HOUSE No. 3871

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 the use of temporary door locking devices in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Everett V. Olsen, Superintendent, Westford Public Schools</i>	<i>23 Depot Street, Westford, MA 01886</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3871) of James Arciero and others relative to the use of temporary door locking devices in public schools. Education.

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

An Act relative to the use of temporary door locking devices in public schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 98. (a) As used in this section, “temporary door locking device” shall mean a
3 lock, tool or other device that an average person is capable of installing and removing in 60
4 seconds or less that is designed for the purpose of locking a door upon installation.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the school committee of
6 any city, town or regional school district or the board of trustees of a charter school may, by vote
7 of said school committee or board, allow temporary door locking devices to be maintained and
8 utilized in classrooms and school buildings under the jurisdiction of that school district or board.