

HOUSE No. 4935

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing an enhanced school safety commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James Arciero

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Middlesex

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James Arciero for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to enhanced school safety. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

Resolve establishing an enhanced school safety commission.

1 **Resolved**, There is hereby established a special commission pursuant to section 2A of
2 chapter 4 of the General Laws to study enhanced school safety. The commission shall consist of
3 15 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, or their designees;
4 the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety, or their designees; the
5 minority leader of the house of representatives, or a designee; the minority leader of the senate,
6 or a designee; the Fire Marshal of the commonwealth, or a designee; the Chief of Police of the
7 city of Boston, or designee; a chief of police from a town with less than 25,000 residents, to be
8 appointed by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association; a fire chief from a town with less
9 than 25,000 residents, to be appointed by the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts; a
10 representative of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, a representative of
11 the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, a school resource officer currently
12 employed in the commonwealth, appointed by the Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officer’s
13 Association; the secretary of the executive office of public safety, or a designee; a representative
14 from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, appointed by the executive director.

15 The commission shall study the need for enhanced safety and emergency preparedness in
16 the public schools of the commonwealth, which study shall include, but not be limited to, the
17 following topics:

18 Secure school entrances and vestibules

19 Enhanced Telecommunication between school administration and public safety agencies

20 Video monitoring of classrooms

21 Use of interlocking devices in classrooms

22 Bullet-proof windows in schools

23 Classroom door policy

24 Use of retired local and state police personnel as School Resource Officers.

25 The ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) Program

26 The commission shall submit a report of its findings along with any recommendations
27 and suggested legislative or executive actions to the joint committee on public safety and to the
28 joint committee on education and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate no
29 later than 1 year after the first meeting of the commission.