

HOUSE No. 536

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David K. Muradian, Jr., (BY REQUEST)

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 school transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Martha McLaughlin

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By Mr. Muradian of Grafton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 536) of Martha McLaughlin relative to school transportation. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 300 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to school transportation.

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 68 of chapter 71, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
2 striking out the second and third sentences and inserting in place thereof the following 2
3 sentence:- If the distance between a child’s residence and the school the child is entitled to attend
4 exceeds 1/2 mile, the distance has sidewalks and the nearest school bus stop is more than 1/ 4
5 mile from such residence, and the school committee declines to furnish transportation, the
6 department, upon appeal of the parent or guardian of the child, may require the town to furnish
7 transportation for children in grades kindergarten through grade 12 for all of the distance
8 between said child’s residence and the school. If said distance exceeds 3 miles, and the distance
9 between the child’s residence and a school in an adjoining town giving substantially equivalent
10 instruction is less than 3 miles, and the school committee declines to pay for tuition in such
11 nearer school, and for transportation in case the distance thereto exceeds 1/2 mile, the

12 department, upon like appeal, may require the town of residence to pay for tuition in such nearer
13 school for children in grades kindergarten through 12, and if necessary provide for transportation
14 for the whole of said distance to, such nearer school for children in said grades.