

HOUSE No. 602

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas and Pavel M. Payano

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 to establish de-escalation training in student transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/9/2023</i>
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>

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By Representative Vargas of Haverhill and Senator Payano, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 602) of Andres X. Vargas, Pavel M. Payano and Michelle M. DuBois relative to providing for de-escalation tactics and techniques approved by the Commissioner of Education for school bus operators. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to establish de-escalation training in student 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 8A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:- There shall
3 be training relative to de-escalation tactics and techniques approved by the commissioner of
4 education required for all school bus operators. If employed, the operator’s employer shall pay
5 for the cost of the de-escalation training.