

**SENATE . . . . . No. 370**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael O. Moore***

*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 establishing a hate crimes grant program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 370) of Michael O. Moore, John C. Velis and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to establish a hate crimes grant program. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2324 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act establishing a hate crimes grant program.

*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 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1Q the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 1R. The department of elementary and secondary education, in coordination with  
4 the executive office of public safety and security and the Massachusetts governor’s hate crimes  
5 task force, shall establish a grant program, subject to appropriation, for the education and  
6 prevention of hate crimes and incidences of bias in public schools. The grants shall be used for  
7 education and prevention programs in school districts for the purposes of education, professional  
8 development, prevention, or community outreach. The department shall develop guidelines  
9 governing the implementation of this grant program. In awarding grants, priority shall be given  
10 to communities with an identified need.