

SENATE No. 252

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. 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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to school safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 252) of Richard T. Moore, Michael F. Rush and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to school safety. Education.

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An Act relative to school safety.

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 1. Section 8A of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as most recently appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph of subsection (a) and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:-

4 “Plans shall be developed in consultation with the school principal, school nurse, school
5 athletic director, team physicians, coaches, trainers, and local police, fire and emergency
6 personnel, as appropriate. Schools shall practice the response sequence at the beginning of each
7 school year and periodically throughout the year and evaluate and modify the plan as necessary.
8 School officials shall review the response sequence with local fire and police officials at least
9 once per year, and shall conduct periodic walk-throughs of school campuses. Plans shall be
10 submitted once every 3 years to the department of elementary and secondary education, the local
11 police department and the local fire department, on or before September 1, beginning in the
12 2012-2013 school year. Plans shall be updated in the event of new construction or physical
13 changes to the school campus.”

14 SECTION 2. Section 3A of chapter 70B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
15 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof
16 the following new subsection:-

17 (a) There shall be a school building advisory board comprised of the state auditor or a
18 designee, the inspector general or a designee, the superintendent of the state police or designee,
19 the state fire marshal or designee, the director of the Massachusetts emergency management
20 agency, and the executive director of the authority, who shall serve as the secretary to the
21 advisory board and shall be a nonvoting member of the board, and 17 members to represent the
22 following nongovernmental organizations, to be appointed by those organizations: the
23 Massachusetts Municipal Association, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the
24 Massachusetts Mayors Association, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents,

25 the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, the Massachusetts Buildings Trades
26 Council, the Massachusetts Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors, the
27 Massachusetts Alliance of Small Contractors, the American Council of Engineering Companies
28 of Massachusetts, the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts, the American Institute of
29 Architects-Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, the Massachusetts
30 Taxpayers Foundation, Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts, acting jointly, the
31 Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers, the
32 Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, and the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts.
33 The advisory board shall assist the authority in the development of general policy regarding
34 school building construction, renovation, reconstruction, maintenance and facility space,
35 preservation of open space and minimization of loss of open space, thoughtful community
36 development, cost management, adequate provisions for safety and security, and shall provide
37 technical advice and input to the authority. The advisory board shall meet at least quarterly.

38 SECTION 3. Section 14 of chapter 70B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
39 amended by inserting after the word “equipment” in line 5, the following:- “, including upgrades
40 necessary for enhanced safety and security,”.

41 SECTION 4. Chapter 70B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
42 inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

43 Section 20. The authority shall, in cooperation with any school district or municipality,
44 submit any plans or blueprints approved by the authority, associated within any approved
45 construction, renovation, or reconstruction of a school building to the local police department,
46 fire department, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, and any regional law
47 enforcement entity. Said plans shall identify any points of entry into a school building, any
48 emergency access routes for ingress or egress and any other public safety features, including, but
49 not limited to: fire hydrants, utility access points, and stairwells. Any department in receipt of
50 said plans shall maintain a copy of such on file and may submit comments to the authority and
51 school district. Any plans submitted pursuant to this section shall be deemed confidential, and
52 exempt from the definition of public records in clause twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4.