

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 bill:

An Act increasing criminal sanctions for drug distribution near youth centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Barry R. Finegold

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

17th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1417 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT INCREASING CRIMINAL SANCTIONS FOR DRUG DISTRIBUTION NEAR YOUTH
CENTERS.**

*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 32J of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word “playground”, in line 7, the following words: - or youth center.

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4 SECTION 2. Said section 32J of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is further amended by inserting after the first
5 sentence the following sentence: - As used in this section, the term “youth center” shall mean a building which
6 houses any organization, the activities of which are funded publicly, privately, or through a non-profit organization,
7 the activities of which are funded publicly, privately or through a non-profit organization that provides after school
8 recreational, educational or social activities primarily for youth in the community.

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