

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert P. Spellane

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 requiring notification by schools to parents or guardians of victimized students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robert P. Spellane

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 570 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION BY SCHOOLS TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF
VICTIMIZED STUDENTS.

*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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38N
2 the following section:

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4 Section 38O. Whenever any incident occurs on school grounds that would be chargeable as a
5 felony if committed by an adult or subject to treatment as a youthful offender if committed by a
6 juvenile, the headmaster, principal, or other authorized administrator shall notify the parents or
7 guardians of the school population via United States mail within 48 hours of the incident. This
8 section shall cover incidents on the way to and from school sponsored events and at the event.

9 Disclosure of the offenders name shall not be required.