

HOUSE No. 446

By Mr. Hall of Westford (by request), petition of Ann Ray relative to the busing of school children. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BUSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 68 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out Section
3 68 in its entirety and inserting in place the following new section
4 68:—

5 Section 68. Notwithstanding any General or special law or any
6 rule or regulation to the contrary, every town shall provide and
7 maintain a sufficient number of schoolhouses, properly furnished
8 and conveniently situated for the accommodation of all children
9 therein and shall furnish free transportation to all such children. The
10 school committee, unless the town otherwise directs, shall have
11 general charge and superintendence of the schoolhouses, shall keep
12 them in good order, and shall, at the expense of the town, procure a
13 suitable place for the school, if there is no schoolhouse, and provide
14 fuel and other things necessary for the comfort of the pupils. Each
15 school shall comply with the requirements regarding pesticide appli-
16 cations as set forth in Sections 6C to 6I, inclusive, of Chapter 132B.
17 Whenever a town shall undertake to provide a schoolhouse, the town
18 shall appoint at least one member of the school committee, or its
19 designee, to serve on the agency, Board or committee to which plan-
20 ning and construction or other acquisition of such schoolhouse is
21 delegated.