

HOUSE No. 468

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to increasing school safety. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Poirier
Mary S. Rogeness	Karyn E. Polito
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Richard J. Ross
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL VISITOR 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 Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after Section 37N, the
3 following section: —
4 Section 37O. School committees shall require that during school
5 hours any person who is not a student or staff member who enters a
6 school shall be considered a visitor and shall immediately report to
7 the main office or other designated location. All visitors shall pro-
8 vide identification and may, at the discretion of the principal or the
9 principal’s designee, be given permission to enter the building. The
10 visitor shall sign out before leaving school grounds. School commit-
11 tees shall post notification of this policy on all outer doors of the
12 school. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined
13 \$100.