

HOUSE No. 570

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, petition of Robert P. Spellane for legislation to require notification by schools to parents or guardians of victimized students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 38N the following section:—
3 Section 38O. Whenever any incident occurs on school grounds
4 that would be chargeable as a felony if committed by an adult or
5 subject to treatment as a youthful offender if committed by a juve-
6 nile, the headmaster, principal, or other authorized administrator
7 shall notify the parents or guardians of the school population via
8 United States mail within 48 hours of the incident. This section shall
9 cover incidents on the way to and from school sponsored events and
10 at the event. Disclosure of the offenders name shall not be required.