

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1417**

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, petition of Barry R. Finegold and others relative to increasing criminal sanctions for drug distribution near youth centers. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

Barry R. Finegold	F. Jay Barrows
John P. Fresolo	Jennifer L. Flanagan
Stephen P. LeDuc	William Lantigua
Mark C. Montigny	Douglas W. Petersen
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the word “playground”, in line 7, the following  
4 words:— or youth center.

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