

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2302

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By Mr. Fagan of Taunton, petition of James H. Fagan that police departments be required to notify school superintendents upon the issuance of felony complaints against students. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT REQUIRING POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO NOTIFY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS UPON THE ISSUANCE OF FELONY COMPLAINTS AGAINST 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 37H½ of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end  
3 thereof the following subsection:—

4 (3) Upon the issuance of a criminal complaint charging a student  
5 with a felony, or upon the issuance of a felony delinquency com-  
6 plaint against a student, in a city or town other than where the stu-  
7 dent attends school, the police department pursuing either the  
8 criminal or delinquency complaint shall be responsible for immedi-  
9 ately notifying the superintendent in the district where the student is  
10 believed to be a student. The police department so notifying shall do  
11 so on a form provided by the department of education for said pur-  
12 pose. The principal or headmaster of the school, in which the student  
13 is enrolled, the superintendent, as well as the student, shall have the  
14 same rights as above.