

HOUSE No. 1369

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act increasing criminal sanctions for drug distribution near youth centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barry R. Finegold	17th Essex
John J. Binienda	17th Worcester
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1417 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

SECTION 1. Section 32J of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the word “playground”, in line 7, the following words: - or youth center.

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