

HOUSE No. 3115

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Richard L. Walsh and another for legislation to allow persons in the public schools to use such force as is necessary to protect pupils, other persons, and themselves from assaults. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE SUCH FORCE AS IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUPILS, AND THEMSELVES FROM ASSAULTS.

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, Section 37G of the General Laws is amended by
2 substituting a new Section 37G as follows: —

3 *Section 37G.* (a) The power of the school committee or of any
4 teacher or any other employee or agent of the school committee to
5 maintain discipline upon school property shall not include the
6 right to inflict corporal punishment upon any pupil.

7 (b) The above prohibition shall not preclude any member of the
8 school committee or any teacher or any employee or agent of the
9 school committee from using such reasonable force as is necessary
10 to protect pupils, other persons, and themselves from an assault by
11 a pupil. Where such an assault may occur the principal must file a
12 detailed report of the same with the school committee.

