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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO, and Richard L. Walsh that certain employees in the public schools be authorized to use such force as is necessary to protect pupils, other persons and themselves from assaults. Education.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE SUCH FORCE AS IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUPILS, OTHER PERSONS, 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 adding after the word "pupil" in the third line the following:—
- 3 except that said school committee, teacher, or other employee or
- 4 agent of the school committee may use such reasonable force as is
- 5 necessary to protect pupils, other persons, and themselves from
- 6 assaults by said pupil.
- 7 The principal of the school where any assault occurs should file a
- 8 detailed report of the same with the school committee.

