

By Ms. Resor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1372) of Pamela P. Resor, Carol A. Donovan, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to school principals' notification of fires to local fire departments. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPORTING OF FIRES IN SCHOOLS.

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. Said Chapter 148 is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 2 the following section:—

3 Section 2A. The principal of any public or private school
4 which provides instruction to pupils in grades one through twelve
5 shall immediately report any incident involving the unauthorized
6 ignition of any fire within the school building or on school
7 grounds to the local Fire Department. A written report of said
8 incident shall be submitted to the head of the fire department
9 within 24 hours on a form furnished by the department. Said
10 report shall be filed without regard to the extent of the fire or
11 whether there was a response by the fire department. The head of
12 the fire department shall report such incidents to the marshal in
13 accordance with section 2 of this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Section 37L of chapter 71, as appearing in the
2 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following
3 language to the first paragraph: “and the reporting requirements
4 relating to fires as required in section 2A of chapter one hundred
5 and forty-eight.”

