

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. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

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  
2 in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the  
3 end thereof the following subsection:—

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

