

HOUSE No. 508

By Mr. Spellane of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 508) of Robert P. Spellane for legislation to require notification by schools to parents or guardians of victimized students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert P. Spellane

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 requiring notification by schools to parents or guardians of victimized students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:
Robert P. Spellane

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
13th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 570 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION BY SCHOOLS TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF
VICTIMIZED 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 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38N
2 the following section:
3 Section 38O. Whenever any incident occurs on school grounds that would be chargeable as a
4 felony if committed by an adult or subject to treatment as a youthful offender if committed by a
5 juvenile, the headmaster, principal, or other authorized administrator shall notify the parents or
6 guardians of the school population via United States mail within 48 hours of the incident. This
7 section shall cover incidents on the way to and from school sponsored events and at the event.
8 Disclosure of the offenders name shall not be required.