

HOUSE No. 3713

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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:

An Act relative to school safety and security.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc T. Lombardo

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

22nd Middlesex

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to provide tax incentives to increase safety and security in schools. Revenue.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to school safety and security.

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. Section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
2 section 65 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by adding the following
3 subsection:-

4 (s) (1) As used in this subsection, the following words shall have the following
5 meanings:--

6 "Earned credit", the amount of hours served in a given school by a police officer pursuant
7 to section 37P of chapter 71 multiplied by the police detail rate for the municipality in which the
8 school resides.

9 "Taxpayer", a police officer as defined in section 37P of chapter 71.

10 (2) A taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit against the taxes imposed by this chapter
11 equal to the lesser of the taxpayer's total earned credit or \$8,000. The amount of hours served
12 shall be verified in a writing signed by the municipality's chief of police or his or her designee
13 and the district's superintendent or his or her designee during each week the officer serves.

14 (3) The commissioner shall adopt any necessary regulations for the implementation of
15 this subsection.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
17 section 37O the following section:-

18 Section 37P. (a) For purposes of this section, “police officer” shall mean a duly sworn
19 municipal, state or special state police officer, including a part-time or retired officer, provided
20 that the officer has the necessary training, up-to-date certificates and a license to carry a firearm.

21 (b) A school district may supplement its staff with volunteer police officers to serve the
22 safety and security of its schools. Officers that volunteer to serve a school district under this
23 section shall not be paid by the district, municipality or any other person.