



STATUS OF BILLS SUPPORTED 2021

Hearings were held by the Joint Committee on Education on the four bills below. Please email the chairs to support these Bills being favorably reported out of their committee at: Jason.Lewis@masenate.gov; Alice.Peisch@mahouse.gov

An Act relative to physical and social recess in schools - S383/H695 – mandates K - 5 students at least twenty consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day.

An Act to ensure representation of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils on school committees - H537 - SEPAC representative nonvoting seat on the school committee.

An Act creating a school resource officer grant program and fund - S373 - to award matching grants to local law enforcement agencies and local school boards that have established a collaborative agreement to employ uniformed school resource officers.

An Act promoting local control and effective training of school resource officers - S374 - rules for assigning a school resource officer.

A hearing is scheduled for October 18th by the Joint Committee on Education on S290. Please email the chairs to support this Bill or sign up to provide testimony.

An Act to prioritize violence prevention and social emotional health in school support staff hiring - S290 - One School Resource Officer for Seven guidance counselors, mental health staff, etc. combined.

A hearing was held by the Joint Committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management on S250. Please email the chairs to support the Bill and ask for it to be reported favorably out of committee:

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An Act to ensure the health and safety of the Commonwealth's students and educators - S250 / HD 943 - Ventilation in Schools.

The Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure held a hearing on H351. Please email the chairs to support the Bill and ask for it to be reported favorably out of committee: susan.moran@masenate.gov;

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An Act expanding licensure opportunity for school counselors – H351 - relative to licensing of mental health counselors