

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karyn E. Polito

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 relative to a medical emergency response plan for schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of
2 education shall, in consultation with the department of public health, develop a Medical Emergency
3 Response Plan initiative in order to promote best practices and encourage schools to develop programs
4 that reduce the incidence of life-threatening emergency and promote efficient responses to such
5 emergencies. The initiative shall include, but not be limited to, the following core elements:

6 a) A plan for the establishment of a rapid communications system linking schools and school
7 campuses to local Emergency Medical Services systems and the development of protocols for
8 interaction with those systems.

9 b) Development of a model response plan for medical emergencies that coordinate activities of
10 school nurses, school athletic team trainers and physicians, and other relevant personnel,
11 including trained volunteers.

12 c) The development of safety precautions in order to prevent injuries in classrooms, on the
13 playground, and in athletic and other extra-curricular activities.

14 d) Access to training in CPR and first aid for teachers, athletic trainers and other school staff and
15 volunteers.

16 e) Incentives for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators by school district and standards for
17 the implementation of a school-based automatic defibrillator program that utilizes trained school
18 staff and volunteers and that is coordinated, to the maximum extent possible, with existing public
19 access defibrillation programs established pursuant to section 12V1/2 of chapter 112 of the
20 General Laws.

21 The department shall report to the General Court on the success of this initiative in establishing
22 Medical Emergency Response Plans in local school districts no later than December 31, 2009.