

SENATE No. 218

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 medical emergency response plans for schools.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Mark C. Montigny</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> [District] <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Martha M. Walz</i> | <i>8th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Kathi-Anne Reinstein</i> | <i>16th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> [District] <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Michael F. Rush</i> | <i>Suffolk and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i> | <i>8th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |
| <i>James E. Timilty</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> [District] <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> |

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 218) of Mark C. Montigny, Martha M. Walz, Kathi-Anne Reinstein, Michael J. Rodrigues and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to medical emergency response plans for schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

□ □ SENATE
□ , NO. 2295 OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to medical emergency response plans 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. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 8 the following section:-

3 Section 8A. (a) Each school committee and commonwealth charter school
4 board of trustees shall ensure that every school under its jurisdiction has a written medical
5 emergency response plan to reduce the incidence of life-threatening emergencies and promote
6 efficient responses to such emergencies. The plan shall be in addition to or shall include the
7 multihazard evacuation plan required by section 363 of chapter 159 of the acts of 2000.

8 Each plan shall include:

9 (1) a method for establishing a rapid communication system linking
10 all parts of the school campus, including outdoor facilities and practice fields, to the emergency
11 medical services system and protocols to clarify when the emergency medical services system
12 and other emergency contact people must be called;

13 (2) a determination of emergency medical service response time to
14 any location on campus;

15 (3) a list of relevant contacts and telephone numbers with a protocol
16 indicating when each person must be called, including names of experts to help with post-event
17 support;

18 (4) a method to efficiently direct emergency medical services
19 personnel to any location on campus, including to the location of available rescue equipment;

20 (5) safety precautions to prevent injuries in classrooms and on the
21 playground, including identifying students, faculty, and staff with medical conditions that place
22 them at risk for life-threatening conditions and training personnel to provide the appropriate
23 response for those conditions; and

24 (6) a method of providing access to training in cardiopulmonary
25 resuscitation and first aid for teachers, athletic coaches and trainers and other school staff, which
26 may include training high school students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

27 Plans shall be developed in consultation with the school nurse, school athletic team
28 physicians, coaches and trainers, and the local emergency medical services agency, as
29 appropriate. Schools shall practice the response sequence at the beginning of each school year
30 and periodically throughout the year and evaluate and modify the plan as needed. Plans shall be
31 submitted annually to the department of elementary and secondary education on or before
32 September 1.

33 (b) The department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation
34 with the department of public health, shall develop a model medical emergency response plan in
35 order to promote best practices. In developing the model plan, the department shall refer to
36 research prepared by the american heart association, the american academy of pediatrics and
37 other relevant organizations that indentifies the essential components of a medical emergency
38 response plan.

39 In addition, the department shall:

40 (1) provide technical assistance to school districts and commonwealth
41 charter schools in the development of medical emergency response plans; and

42 (2) provide incentives for the purchase of automatic external
43 defibrillators by school districts and commonwealth charter schools and promote standards for
44 the implementation of a school-based automatic external defibrillator program that uses trained
45 school staff and volunteers and that is coordinated, to the greatest extent possible, with existing
46 public access defibrillation programs established under section 12V1/2 of chapter 112.

47 Section 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall submit
48 a report to the clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate and the joint committee on

49 education on the success of this initiative, and the number of schools that opt out of instruction in
50 cardiopulmonary resuscitation as required by section 1 of chapter 71, on or before July 1, 2011.