

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1498**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act enabling trained school personnel to administer life saving epinephrine treatment.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1498**

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1498) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to enable trained school personnel to administer life saving epinephrine treatment. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1323 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act enabling trained school personnel to administer life saving epinephrine treatment.

*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 54B of Chapter 71, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by inserting the following after the word "lunchrooms":-

3 A public school district or non-public school, as defined by the department of education,  
4 may register with the department for the purpose of permitting school personnel to administer  
5 epinephrine by auto injector in a life-threatening situation during the school day when a school  
6 nurse is not immediately available, including field trips, provided that the following conditions  
7 are met:

- 8 1. the school committee, or, in the case of a non-public school, the chief  
9 administrative officer, approves policies governing the administration of epinephrine;

10           2.       the designated school nurse leader or responsible nurse has final decision making  
11 authority about the program;

12           3.       the school personnel authorized to administer epinephrine by auto injector are  
13 trained and tested for competency by the designated school nurse leader or responsible school  
14 nurse, or school nurses designated by this person, in accordance with standards and a curriculum  
15 established by the department;

16           4.       the designated school nurse leader or responsible school nurse manages and has  
17 final decision making authority about the program;

18           5.       the epinephrine is administered for an emergency case of anaphylactic shock, as  
19 deemed by a properly trained and authorized school personnel, or in accordance with an  
20 individual medication administration plan;

21           6.       when epinephrine is administered, there shall be immediate notification of the  
22 local emergency medical services system, followed by notification of the student's parent(s) or  
23 guardian(s) or, if the parent(s) or guardian(s) are not available, any other designated person(s),  
24 the school nurse, the student's physician, and the school physician, to the extent possible;

25           Any school personnel, properly trained and authorized to administer epinephrine, who  
26 provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a student believed in  
27 good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not  
28 be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the  
29 rendering of such treatment.

30           Epinephrine may lawfully be prescribed and dispensed to a public school district or non-  
31 public school registered with the Department. For purposes of this chapter, any such prescription  
32 shall be regarded as being issued for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of  
33 professional practice. The school district or nonpublic school may maintain said epinephrine kit  
34 in a secure but unlocked place, as determined by the school nurse leader or responsible school.