

SENATE No. 2252

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
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SENATE, Thursday, April 28, 2016

The committee on Education to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 245) of William N. Brownsberger and Jonathan Hecht for legislation relative to the administration of diabetes medication,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2252).

For the committee,
Sonia Chang-Diaz

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An Act relative to the administration of diabetes medication.

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 54B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of elementary
4 and secondary education and department of public health shall, subject to appropriation, jointly
5 provide training for school employees in the emergency administration of glucagon for students
6 with diabetes. A school committee of any city, town or regional school district may adopt a
7 policy allowing for the administration of glucagon by trained members of the school staff when a
8 nurse is not present and the student exhibits symptoms of severe hypoglycemia; provided,
9 however, that the parent or legal guardian of the student has submitted in writing permission for
10 such emergency treatment to be rendered; and provided further that a member of the school staff
11 who, in good faith, administers glucagon to a student who exhibits symptoms of severe
12 hypoglycemia shall not be held liable in a suit for damages as a result of his acts or omissions,
13 nor shall such person be subject to any disciplinary action for such emergency aid. The
14 department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the department of public

- 15 health, shall develop guidelines for the emergency administration of glucagon by a trained
- 16 member of the school staff.