

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3872**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Shaunna L. O'Connell***

*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 relative to providing for seizure management plans in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/9/2019</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/3/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>William Murphy</i>		<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>Dianne Huggon</i>		<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Lisa Smith-Watt</i>		<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>6/4/2019</i>

*William L. Crocker, Jr.*

*2nd Barnstable*

*6/4/2019*

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3872) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others relative to seizure management plans in public schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to providing for seizure management plans in 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 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:–

2 Section 98. (a) The department of elementary and secondary education shall adopt  
3 guidelines for the development and implementation of seizure management plans for each school  
4 district. The department shall consult with the department of public health in the development of  
5 these guidelines.

6 (b) The guidelines adopted by the department shall include:

7 (i) procedures for the development of an individual seizure action plan tailored to the  
8 individual’s needs at the written request of the student's parent or guardian, and involving, but  
9 not limited to the parent or guardian, the student's health care provider, the student's classroom  
10 teacher, appropriate school personnel, the student if appropriate, the school nurse; and any other  
11 school employee or volunteer assisting in the seizure action plan.

12 (ii) procedures for regular review of the student’s seizure action plan;

- 13 (iii) information to be included in a seizure action plan, including:
- 14 (1) the responsibilities and appropriate staff development for teachers and other  
15 school personnel;
- 16 (2) an emergency care plan;
- 17 (3) the identification of allowable actions to be taken;
- 18 (4) medications the student is taking including rescue treatments, and signs of adverse  
19 reactions or toxicity;
- 20 (5) ensuring that any FDA-approved medication prescribed by the treating physician  
21 can be administered to the student by authorized personnel;
- 22 (6) the extent to which the student is able to participate in the student's plan; and
- 23 (7) any other information necessary for teachers and other school personnel in order  
24 to offer appropriate assistance and support to the student.

25 The department shall also ensure that the information and allowable actions included in a  
26 seizure action plan as required in this section meets or exceeds guidelines for the management of  
27 children with seizures in the school setting;

28 (iv) maintenance of a seizure observation record or log maintained by the school;

29 (iv) information and staff development to be made available to teachers and other school  
30 personnel in order to appropriately support and assist students who experience seizures,  
31 including, but not limited to requiring school personnel, including principals, guidance

32 counselors, teachers, and student support personnel, to complete a seizure recognition and first-  
33 aid response training; and

34 (v) inclusion of the individualized seizure management plan in the student's school file.

35 (c) The department shall ensure that these guidelines are updated as necessary and shall  
36 ensure that the guidelines and any subsequent changes are published and disseminated to each  
37 city, town, regional school district