

SENATE No. 2846

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
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SENATE, April 28, 2022.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 104) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish additional mandated reporters for the purpose of the protection and care of children, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2846).

For the committee,
Adam Gomez

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An Act to authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish additional mandated reporters for the purpose of the protection and care of children.

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 119, section 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the
2 definition of “Mandated reporter” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

3 "Mandated reporter", a person 18 years old or older who is either a paid or unpaid
4 employee, or a paid or unpaid volunteer, working in a profession or role listed herein, or any
5 other person, paid or unpaid, contracted by any entity to perform the functions of a profession or
6 role listed herein, if such person resides in the commonwealth or performs the functions of the
7 profession or role listed herein for any person whose residence is in the commonwealth or who is
8 physically in the commonwealth, including but not limited to any of the following professions or
9 roles:

10 (i) a physician, medical intern, hospital personnel engaged in the examination, care or
11 treatment of persons, medical examiner, psychologist, emergency medical technician, dentist,
12 nurse, chiropractor, podiatrist, optometrist, osteopath, allied mental health and human services
13 professional licensed under section 165 of chapter 112, drug and alcoholism counselor,

14 psychiatrist or clinical social worker; (ii) a public or private school teacher, educational
15 administrator, guidance or family counselor, child care worker, person paid to care for or work
16 with a child in any public or private facility or organized setting including but not limited to
17 athletic coaches and higher education personnel, or home or program funded by the
18 commonwealth or licensed under chapter 15D that provides child care or residential services to
19 children or that provides the services of child care resource and referral agencies, voucher
20 management agencies or family child care systems or child care food programs, licensor of the
21 department of early education and care or school attendance officer; (iii) a probation officer,
22 clerk-magistrate of a district court, parole officer, social worker, foster parent, firefighter, police
23 officer or animal control officer; (iv) a priest, rabbi, clergy member, ordained or licensed
24 minister, leader of any church or religious body, accredited Christian Science practitioner, person
25 performing official duties on behalf of a church or religious body that are recognized as the
26 duties of a priest, rabbi, clergy, ordained or licensed minister, leader of any church or religious
27 body, accredited Christian Science practitioner, or person employed by a church or religious
28 body to supervise, educate, coach, train or counsel a child on a regular basis; (v) in charge of a
29 medical or other public or private institution, school or facility or that person's designated agent;
30 (vi) a recreational service provider, including but not limited to any personnel of a public,
31 private, or religious organization providing recreational activities or services on a regular basis
32 that are specifically designed for children and require direct supervision of children, including
33 but not limited to day camps, summer camps, youth programs, sports organizations, and scouting
34 groups, personnel of a public library; or (vii) the child advocate.