

HOUSE No. 539

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frank A. Moran

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 providing for diabetes management in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>

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By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 539) of Frank A. Moran and others relative to providing for diabetes management in schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act providing for diabetes management 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 The last paragraph of Section 54B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following:-

3 With proper and ongoing training, and under the direct supervision of a licensed school
4 nurse, the school nurse or physician may delegate the authority to administer the treatment of
5 low blood sugar and monitor symptoms of students with type 1 diabetes to a trained health
6 assistant. The delivery of parenteral medication, such as the delivery of insulin via pump system
7 or syringe, must be administered by a licensed school nurse in accordance with 105 CMR
8 210.00: The administration of prescription medication in public schools. Glucose monitoring via
9 finger stick and insulin delivery may be administered in a classroom by a trained and licensed
10 school nurse if the student’s family and physician deem the administration appropriate.

11 Each student with diabetes will be placed in a classroom with a health or instructional
12 assistant already supporting other students in this classroom. All school staff will be trained to
13 administer treatment for low blood sugar and monitoring symptoms yearly.