

SENATE No. 849

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 opioid overdose prevention in college housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 849) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to opioid overdose prevention in college housing. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to opioid overdose prevention in college housing.

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 19B of said chapter Chapter 94C, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (i) Every state university campus, as listed in section 5 of chapter 15A of the General
4 Laws, shall provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists to every resident assistant
5 employed by said campuses. Campuses shall provide and maintain opioid antagonists onsite in
6 each college-operated housing. Said opioid antagonists shall be accessible by every resident
7 assistant for use during emergencies to any student, staff or other individual on college-operated
8 housing premises suspected of having an opioid overdose. The department, in consultation with
9 the department of higher education, shall adopt regulations to implement this subsection.