

HOUSE No. 5092

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 11, 2026.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to type 1 diabetes informational materials in schools, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5092) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students.

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. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 39 the following section:-

3 SECTION 40. (a) The department, in coordination with the department of public health
4 and any other entity the department deems appropriate, shall develop type 1 diabetes
5 informational materials for the parents and guardians of pupils. The informational materials shall
6 undergo periodic updates as necessary and be made available to each school district, county
7 office of education, and charter school through the department’s website.

8 (b) On and after January 1, 2027, the school district and governing body of a charter
9 school shall make the type 1 diabetes informational materials accessible in writing to the parent
10 or guardian of a student when the student is first enrolled in elementary school and again upon a
11 child’s entry into grade 6 with the information provided pursuant to subsection (c).

12 (c) Information provided to parents and guardians pursuant to this section may include,
13 but shall not be limited to, all of the following:

14 (1) A description of type 1 diabetes.

15 (2) A description of the risk factors and warning signs associated with type 1 diabetes.

16 (3) A recommendation regarding those students displaying warning signs associated with
17 type 1 diabetes that the parents or guardians of those students should immediately consult with
18 the student's primary care provider to determine if immediate screening for type 1 diabetes is
19 appropriate.

20 (4) A description of the screening process for type 1 diabetes, the significance of its
21 stages (e.g., stage 1, stage 2, and stage 3), and the implications of test results identifying the
22 presence of stage 1, stage 2, and stage 3 type 1 diabetes.

23 (5) A recommendation that, following a type 1 diagnosis, parents or guardians should
24 consult with the student's primary care provider to develop an appropriate treatment plan, which
25 may include consultation with and examination by a specialty care provider, including, but not
26 limited to, a licensed endocrinologist.