

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 645**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Joseph D. McKenna***

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*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 allowing the administration of antiseizure medication on school busses.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>5/29/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>9/4/2025</i>

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By Representative McKenna of Sutton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 645) of Joseph D. McKenna relative to the administration of antiseizure medication on school busses. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act allowing the administration of antiseizure medication on school busses.

*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 54B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph the following paragraph:—

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, a school district  
4 shall allow a parent or legal guardian of any child with epilepsy or other seizure inducing illness  
5 to expressly authorize the school department and school bus drivers or bus monitors to  
6 administer prescription anti-seizure medication to his or her child in the case of an emergency.

7 Upon receipt of a letter or prescription from the primary care physician of said child notifying  
8 the school of the epilepsy or other illness and the need to administer anti-seizure medication in  
9 an emergency, the school shall promptly notify the school bus service provider of the illness of  
10 said child and provide a copy of the letter or prescription from said primary care physician. The  
11 school district shall then ensure a proper level of informational and practical training is made

- 12 available to such school bus drivers or bus monitors as to the signs and symptoms of a seizure
- 13 emergency and the administration of prescribed anti-seizure medications.