

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 air quality in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Ryan C. Fattman

Worcester and Hampden

Patrick M. O'Connor

First Plymouth and Norfolk

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2660 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to air quality in public 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 (a) There shall be an interagency task force to review and investigate indoor air quality in
2 public school buildings that provide education for children in kindergarten through grade 12.

3 (b) The task force shall consist of the following 17 members or their designees: the
4 commissioner of elementary and secondary education, who shall serve as co-chair; the
5 commissioner of public health, who shall serve as co-chair; the executive director of the
6 Massachusetts school building authority; the director of the department of labor standards; the
7 commissioner of the department of environmental protection; the state fire marshal; 1 member
8 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority
9 leader of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the senate president; 1 member
10 appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member appointed by the governor who is an
11 expert in the field of environmental health and indoor air quality; and 1 member to be appointed

12 by each of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Association of School Committees,
13 Inc., the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc., the Massachusetts Teachers
14 Association, the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts the Massachusetts Coalition
15 for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Massachusetts School Nurses Organization.

16 (c) The task force shall investigate indicators of indoor air quality in public school
17 buildings and ways to ensure adequate indoor air quality in such school buildings, including but
18 not limited to: (i) an assessment of carbon monoxide detection systems within each public school
19 building and each school's compliance with subsection (a^{1/2}) of section 26F^{1/2} of chapter 148 of
20 the General Laws; (ii) best practices for the placement and installation of carbon monoxide
21 detection systems in public school buildings; (iii) the status of carbon dioxide levels in public
22 school buildings according to data collected from existing carbon dioxide monitoring systems in
23 public school buildings; (iv) the necessity and feasibility of installing carbon dioxide monitoring
24 systems in all public school buildings and collecting data from such systems; (v) the temporary
25 or ongoing use of equipment necessary to ensure adequate air filtration and ventilation within
26 public school buildings; (vi) the regulation of minimum and maximum allowable air
27 temperatures and relative humidity, as well as any relevant statistics on the number of air-
28 conditioned public schools; (vii) an evaluation of the grants distributed pursuant to 1599-2055 of
29 section 2A of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021; and (viii) the cost, including labor costs, of
30 implementing any recommendations.

31 (d) Not later than October 1, 2026, the task force shall file a report on its findings,
32 including any analysis, recommendations, or proposed legislation, with the clerks of the senate
33 and house of representatives and the chairs of the joint committee on education.