

**Committee on Public Health  
Bill Summary**

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| <b>Bill No.</b>            | H3961  |
| <b>Title:</b>              | <i>An Act relative to education and prevention of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy and other related epilepsy mortalities</i> |
| <b>Sponsor:</b>            | Representative Joan Meschino   |
| <b>Committee:</b>          | Public Health  |
| <b>Hearing Date:</b>       | June 25, 2025  |
| <b>Similar Matters:</b>    | None   |
| <b>Prior History:</b>      | New File   |
| <b>Reporting Deadline:</b> | August 24, 2025  |

**Current Law:**

- **M.G.L. Chapter 111 § 4G** pertains to epileptics; program for care, treatment, and rehabilitation.

**Summary:**

This bill would require DPH to develop and disseminate informational resources and conduct a statewide public awareness campaign on sudden unexpected death in epilepsy and other epilepsy-related mortalities.

SECTION 1 directs the department of public health (DPH) to develop informational resources on sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) and other epilepsy-related mortalities geared toward health care providers, epilepsy patients and their families. The bill outlines specific information DPH must include in these educational materials. These informational resources will be available to patients, their families, and health care providers on DPH's website.

SECTION 2 states that DPH must submit a report including metrics regarding the information gathered to develop the informational resources, efforts to disseminate this information to targeted populations, the effects of the informational resources on patient outcomes, and obstacles encountered in distributing informational resources.

SECTION 3 instructs DPH to conduct a statewide public awareness campaign regarding SUDEP and other epilepsy-related mortalities.