

SENATE No. 231

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Ensuring Adequate Nursing Services at Public Schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Mark V. Falzone	9th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ENSURING ADEQUATE NURSING SERVICES AT 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 SECTION 1. Section 53 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended in its
2 entirety to read as follows:—

3 Section 53. The School committee shall appoint school physicians; nurse practitioners and
4 registered nurses with the DOE licensure, shall assign them to the public schools within its
5 jurisdiction, shall provide them with all the proper facilities for the performance of their duties,
6 and shall assign one or more physicians or nurse practitioners operating under the direction of
7 the physician to the examination of children who apply for health certificates required by section
8 eighty-seven of chapter one hundred forty-nine, but in cities where the medical inspection
9 hereinafter prescribed is substantially provided by the board of health, said board shall appoint
10 and assign the school physicians; nurse practitioners and registered nurses with DOE school
11 nurse licensure, provided however that school districts must meet minimum staffing
12 requirements of school physicians; nurse practitioners and registered nurses with DOE school
13 nurse licensure established by the Department of Public Health and that each school with five

- 14 hundred or more students shall be assigned at minimum one full-time physician, nurse
- 15 practitioner or registered nurse with DOE school nurse licensure.