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### Mass School Nurses Organization

**Bill #:** HB56 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act relative to blood testing.

**Summary:** No summary necessary.

**Sponsor:** EO of Public Safety

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/06/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB104 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act strengthening the Commonwealth's partnership with its municipalities.

**Summary:** Comprehensive reform filed by the Governor related to how municipalities and the state interact, primarily directed to saving costs by lowering barriers to entry for municipal employees in group insurance commission, as well as moving retirees to Medicare coverage, and providing some pension relief. Same as SB 9.

**Sponsor:** Governor

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government (JMR)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 05/11/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMR - 05/15/2009 10:00 AM  
Hudson Town Hall, 78 Main St. (Route 62), Hudson MA 01749,  
Second Floor Auditorium

**Bill #:** HB109 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act prohibiting the use of health data for marketing purposes

**Summary:** Prohibits the license, sale or use of prescription health data in the context of marketing.

**Sponsor:** Representative Stephen Kulik (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/10/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 03/26/2009 1:00 PM B-1

**Bill #:** HB110 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to prevent the sharing of prescription data  
**Summary:** Prohibits pharmacists, non-profit hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider arrangements or the division of medical assistance from discussing or revealing any part of any prescription with any person other than the patient or his or her authorized representative, the prescriber, other licensed practitioner caring for said patient, or another pharmacist servicing said patient, without express authority by said patient; exempts legitimate peer review processes from said prohibition.

**Sponsor:** Representative Ronald Mariano (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/10/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 03/26/2009 1:00 PM B-1

**Bill #:** HB115 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing an Office of Family and Children's Ombudsman  
**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the operation of the office of the family and children's ombudsman; charges said office with providing an independent voice for families and children placed under the supervision of the department of social services; articulates the powers of said office, including, but not limited to monitoring said department's compliance with existing laws and providing families with a resource to seek redress of grievances with said department.

**Sponsor:** Representative Demetrius J. Atsalis (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/02/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 04/14/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB123 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act bettering the lives of youth who age out of the care of the Commonwealth

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/02/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 04/14/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB147 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to nutrition awareness in schools

**Summary:** Requires all public schools to prominently post nutritional information containing product content in close proximity to vending machines on school property; requires said information to be easily accessible to students; regulates the display of said information; authorizes school nurses or nutritionists to draft and post said information.

**Sponsor:** Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB179 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing an independent office of quality assurance for mentally retarded persons

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the operation of the Office of Quality Assurance for mentally retarded persons in the department of mental retardation; charges said office with protecting the rights of mentally retarded persons and assuring the accountability of all service providers; authorizes said office to conduct investigations relative to same.

**Sponsor:** Representative Angelo M. Scaccia (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

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**History:** 04/03/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 06/10/2009 11:00 AM (Disabilities), 2:00 PM (Interstate Compact) A-1

**Bill #:** HB185 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act providing for the public disclosure of quality indicators for the developmentally disabled

**Summary:** Amends provisions relative to the department of mental retardation; articulates mandatory reporting requirements for group care facilities for children with special needs and group residences that provide community mental retardation services, including, but not limited to service quality information and financial information.

**Sponsor:** Representative Robert P. Spellane (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/03/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 06/10/2009 11:00 AM (Disabilities), 2:00 PM (Interstate Compact) A-1

**Bill #:** HB188 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to assure continuity of health coverage for children

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Ellen Story (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 06/04/2009 - S Concurred in committee referral

**Bill #:** HB354 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to Chapter 70

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 06/15/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/15/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB361 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to implement full-day kindergarten

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Antonio F.D. Cabral (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/23/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/05/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB365 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to allied health instructors at vocational schools  
**Summary:** Exempts registered nurses possessing bachelor or master degrees serving as allied health instructors at vocational schools from examination requirements to qualify as such.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Jennifer M. Callahan (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 05/20/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 06/02/2009 1:00 PM B-1

**Bill #:** HB372 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing a commission to study the feasibility of a charter school for students on the autism spectrum  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 05/04/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/12/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB389 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to require heart screening for interscholastic athletes  
**Summary:** Requires school committees or boards of health ensure all public school students participating in interscholastic athletic programs undergo electrocardiogram (EKG) tests, at a frequency to be determined by the Board of Education.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Barry R. Finegold (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB394 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to increasing minimum aid under chapter 70  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Sean Garballey (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 06/15/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/15/2009 1:00 PM A-

**Bill #:** HB413 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates a special commission for the purpose of an investigation and study relative to child suicide.

**Sponsor:** Representative Patricia A. Haddad (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB420 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act relative to educator licensure

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Patricia A. Haddad (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 06/08/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 06/16/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB424 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to school improvement plans

**Summary:** Requires the submission of school improvement plans to school superintendents and school committees for review; repeals provisions providing said superintendents final approval authority over said plans; amends various provisions relative to the development of said school improvement plans by school principals, in consultation with school councils; designates said plans as approved if not reviewed by school committees within 30 days of submission of same.

**Sponsor:** Representative Lida E. Harkins (D)

**Related:** 2009-2010: SB229

**Status:** Ordered to a third reading in the House (ORD3R/H)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 09/23/2009 - H Ordered to a third reading

**Bill #:** HB442 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to school safety

**Summary:** Directs the Massachusetts School Building Authority, when they approve an application for funding of a school project, to require the city, town or joint committee responsible for the project to submit printed and electronic copies of the design plan for the project to the executive director of said authority and the chiefs of the fire and police departments having jurisdiction; directs said executive director to enter into an agreement with the State Police to develop a central registry of plans, not accessible by the public, for access to plans for projects in the event of an emergency; direct said executive director to issue an annual report to the chairs of several legislative committees identifying school projects for said which plans have been received during the preceding year and the cost associated with archiving them in said registry.

**Sponsor:** Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB448 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to promote healthy school meals

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Kay Khan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB450 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to the public health impact of commercialism in schools

**Summary:** Directs the Commissioner of Public Health to assess the impact of advertising and marketing on behavioral risk factors utilizing data collected through the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS); prohibits manufacturers and distributors from advertising consumer products or services and the placement of manufacturer marks on public school grounds, buildings, or property owned or leased by schools.

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB455 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act protecting students against bullying cyberbullying and teen dating violence

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB458 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to equity in education funding

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Jason M. Lewis (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 06/15/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/15/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB462 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to improving the treatment of Asthma in children

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Michael J. Moran (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB471 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to assure college and career readiness through six-year career plans for all Massachusetts public school students

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB483 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to the prevention of bullying

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative John H. Rogers (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB528 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to asthma screening

**Summary:** >Amends various provisions relative to the physical examination of pupils in public and private schools of the commonwealth; mandates the inclusion of asthma screening in said examinations.

**Sponsor:** Representative Martin J. Walsh (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB605 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act protecting school children from environmental toxins.

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Denise Provost (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Filed in the House (FILE/H)

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**History:** 03/31/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB865 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to mental health insurance

**Summary:** Repeals provisions establishing health insurance mandatory minimum coverage levels for mental disorders.

**Sponsor:** Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB881 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act eliminating the need for medical reauthorization for coverage of nonprescription enteral formula

**Summary:** Amends provision to require only one initial medical authorization for insurance coverage of non-prescription enteral formula.

**Sponsor:** Representative Christine E. Canavan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB910 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to provide coverage for hearing aids for children

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Sean Garballey (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB941 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services

**Summary:** Includes licensed marriage and family therapists within the definition of licensed mental health professionals for the purpose of determining coverage by the contributory group insurance for Commonwealth employees, the division of medical assistance, health insurance policies, non profit hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, and health maintenance organizations for said services.

**Sponsor:** Representative Kay Khan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB977 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act providing for insurance coverage for vision screening for children

**Summary:** Requires health insurance providers, non-profit hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, health maintenance organizations, and the division of medical assistance to provide coverage for vision screening for children

within twelve months prior to entering kindergarten; entitles students who fail said examinations to the articulated follow up care, performed by licensed optometrists or ophthalmologists.

**Sponsor:** Representative Ronald Mariano (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB988 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to providing equity in the provision of prescription drug coverage

**Summary:** Requires health plans and health insurance policies which provide for mail order prescription drug coverage to provide equal benefits for non-mail order prescription drugs, including, but not limited to providing equal dollar amounts of coverage.

**Sponsor:** Representative Allen J. McCarthy (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB1028 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to improve asthma management

**Summary:** Requires the Group Insurance Commission, the Division of Medical Assistance, accident & sickness insurance policies, group hospital service plans and individual or group health maintenance contracts provide coverage for asthma, including all medically necessary equipment and services, as well as asthma education and chronic disease management.

**Sponsor:** Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**


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**History:** 05/11/2009 - S Concurred in committee referral

**Bill #:** HB1032 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to include fluoride varnish service in all health insurance coverage in the commonwealth

**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative John W. Scibak (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)

**Progress:**   
**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB1075 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing the state pharmacy council  
**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of the state pharmacy council; charges said council with coordinating the agencies within the executive office of health and human services and the division of insurance in their effort to lower prescription drug costs for the state; directs said council to review legislation and regulations relating to programs and operations relative to pharmaceuticals and shall make recommendations concerning the effect of such legislation or regulation, and recommend policies relative to same.

**Sponsor:** Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/06/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB1087 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to ensure equitable health coverage for all children  
**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Elizabeth A. Malia (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 06/11/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 07/15/2009 1:00 PM B-1

**Bill #:** HB1092 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to extend patient protections to recipients of MassHealth  
**Summary:** Articulates patient protections for recipients of MassHealth benefits; subjects the primary care clinician program or other similar managed care arrangements of the division of medical assistance to existing health insurance consumer protection provisions; directs the division of medical assistance to reimburse physicians for services rendered within forty-five days of receipt of a claim for said services; reduces said timeframe to fifteen days for claims received electronically; requires said division to provide reasons for non-payment

within fifteen days of receipt of said claim, or within forty-eight hours of receipt of electronic claims; directs said division to provide written guidelines to providers regulating the content of claims for reimbursement; modifies billing and recoupment procedures of said department.

**Sponsor:** Representative Vincent A. Pedone (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 05/26/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 06/03/2009 1:00 PM B-1

**Bill #:** HB1098 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act Relative to prescription drugs  
**Summary:** Directs the Governor to request a waiver for the office of pharmaceutical information from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, allowing said office to act as an agent for residents of the commonwealth in providing information regarding the purchase of prescription drugs from the commonwealth and Canadian sources; establishes and regulates the operation of said office in the department of public health; directs said office to establish relationships with licensed Canadian pharmaceutical suppliers; limits said office to providing information to individuals purchasing prescriptions for individual use only; directs said office to serve as a central agent for any safety concerns or adverse affects resulting from the use of Canadian pharmaceuticals; directs the department of public health to promulgate regulations relative to said provisions.

**Sponsor:** Representative Tom Sannicandro (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/06/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB1818 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to improve training opportunities for health care workers  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (JLW)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB1931 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within the department of mental health

**Summary:** Directs the department of mental health to develop and implement a 'difficult to manage unit' at a specific, central location, for women within said department; mandates development of an equivalent unit to that available for men.

**Sponsor:** Representative Patricia A. Haddad (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)

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**History:** 07/29/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMH - 09/09/2009 1:00 P.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB1937 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to juvenile mental health

**Summary:** Authorizes the department of mental health to conduct a review of mental health and substance abuse service needs of adolescents in state custody; articulates contents and purposes of said review, including models of detention alternatives for individuals requiring mental health and substances services in detention, unmet mental health and substance abuse needs of juveniles in the commonwealth's juvenile justice system and recommendations for meeting said needs; direct said department to post a proposed workplan on its external website for thirty days to receive public comment, as well as a final workplan, a draft report, and a final report; requires the provision of a preliminary screening on court dates for children referred to the department of mental health, with subsequent recommendations for treatment; directs said department to contract with mental health services providers for service to minors referred for evaluation, assessment and services; establishes a juvenile mental and behavioral health coordinating committee charged with helping to establish criteria for contract proposals; directs said department to report annually on compliance with adolescent mental health and substance abuse service needs.

**Sponsor:** Representative Kay Khan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 09/17/2009 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

**Bill #:** HB1956 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to reimbursement for drugs to treat mental illness

**Summary:** Prohibits requiring prior authorizations or imposing other restrictions on medications used to treat mental illness such as schizophrenia, depression or bipolar disorder for Medicaid recipients; articulates medications available to said Medicaid recipients without restriction, including, but not limited to antipsychotic medications.

**Sponsor:** Representative Thomas M. Stanley (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)

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**History:** 09/08/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMH - 09/23/2009 1:00 PM A-2

**Bill #:** HB1960 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing substance abuse prevention and treatment pilot programs in schools

**Summary:** Directs the school committee of each municipal or regional school district to establish a comprehensive substance abuse prevention and treatment program in elementary and secondary schools; requires each school district develop a written policy on substance abuse to be distributed to students and parents at the beginning of each school year; directs said school districts to adopt policies and procedures for discipline of student in possession or abusing substances on school property or at school functions, in conjunction with an approved local organization; requires educational personnel report any observation that a student may be under the influence of substances to the school nurse or a substance awareness coordinator, as well as the principal of the school or designee, who must immediately notify the parent or guardian and the superintendent of schools; articulates that said student must undergo an interview to determine whether or not treatment is appropriate; prohibits the bringing of actions in a court of jurisdiction against any educational personnel, examining physician or other associated persons for actions taken relative to the detection and treatment of students abusing substances; exempts said educational or non-educational personnel from liability in civil damages for reporting such instances; directs the commissioner of education to develop a training program for public schools teachers relative to substance abuse detection; articulates the contents of said program, including teacher instruction in the identification of symptoms and behavior patterns, appropriate intervention strategies and state, local and community organizations available for prevention, intervention, treatment and rehabilitation; directs the commissioner of education to establish guidelines for substance abuse education programs

to be offered by each school district to parents or guardians of students; articulates contents of said program, including a review of the curriculum to be taught, information on different aspects of substance abuse, and information on state, local and community organizations available for prevention, intervention, treatment and rehabilitation; directs the commissioner of education to forward to each said school district a request for a proposal for the employment of a substance awareness coordinator, to be chosen electively by said districts; regulates and articulates duties of said substance awareness coordinator position; authorizes said commissioner to make grants to school districts to assist in the implementation of substance abuse pilot programs; articulates contents of said pilot programs; directs said commissioner to develop procedures for evaluation of the impact of said pilot programs.

**Sponsor:** Representative Brian P. Wallace (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)  
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**History:** 06/01/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMH - 06/10/2009 1:00 PM A-2

**Bill #:** HB1961 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act requiring parental notice of treatment of minors for drug overdoses

**Summary:** Requires any physician or hospital that treats a person of eighteen years of age or less for a drug overdose to notify said person's parents or legal guardians; requires said notification to include contact information for the bureau of substance abuse services within the department of public health and the substance abuse hotline operated by the department of public health.

**Sponsor:** Representative Brian P. Wallace (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)  
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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB2002 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** Resolve establishing a special commission relative to municipal finance accountability

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a special commission charged with studying the manner in which municipalities of the commonwealth balance their fiscal year budgets, including the accounting methods utilized by said cities and towns.

**Sponsor:** Representative Angelo J Puppolo (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government (JMR)  
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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB2021 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to food allergens  
**Summary:** Directs the department of public health to issue a report on whether it is feasible to require restaurants to use different utensils, working stations and storage for foods that contain peanut oils or any other allergens that affect individuals who are allergic to peanuts.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2


**Bill #:** HB2023 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act further regulating early childhood immunizations  
**Summary:** Prohibits the department of health or any health care provider from producing, distributing, or administering vaccines, antitoxins, serums or similar products with additives or preservatives that contain mercury, to children under the age of three; authorizes exemptions during emergencies in which shortages of mercury-free products exist; regulates the implementation of said provisions.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2032 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to a registered nurse seat on the Public Health Council  
**Summary:** Mandates the inclusion of one registered nurse on the public health council within the department of public health; reduces the number of health care providers on said board from five to four; increases the number of health care providers from three

to four.

**Sponsor:** Representative Stephen R. Canessa (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/03/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB2043 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to HLTV 111 Tests

**Summary:** Mandates the HLTV or HIV testing of blood of persons when their blood comes in contact with another person and the disclosure of the results of said tests to the contacted person, regardless of lack of consent.

**Sponsor:** Representative Stephen L. DiNatale (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/06/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB2045 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to annual immunization against influenza for children

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr. (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB2049 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to establish a reporting system for drug overdoses

**Summary:** Requires physicians, hospitals, community health centers or clinics examining or treating injuries resulting from opiate, illegal or illicit drug overdoses to report said information as instructed by the department of public health.

**Sponsor:** Representative Robert F. Fennell (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB2053 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to creating a grant program for medical students

**Summary:** Establishes a grant program, for administration by the Department of Public Health, to provide financial assistance for qualifying students enrolled in a qualified educational program necessary, as defined, to encourage enlistment in doctor and nursing facilities servicing uninsured and low-income patients.

**Sponsor:** Representative Paul K. Frost (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/09/2009 10:00 A.M. Gardner Auditorium

**Bill #:** HB2065 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to childhood immunizations

**Summary:** Prohibits the department of health or any health care provider from producing, distributing, or administering vaccines, antitoxins, serums or similar products with additives or preservatives that contain mercury, including but not limited to thimerosal; authorizes exemptions during emergencies in which shortages of mercury-free products exist; authorizes the filing of civil actions for violation of said provisions.

**Sponsor:** Representative Bradford R. Hill (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2075 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to nutrition and wellness in the public schools

**Summary:** Requires public school districts to include descriptions of nutrition and wellness programs in annual reports submitted to the Department of Education.

**Sponsor:** Representative Louis L. Kafka (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB2077 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to access to epinephrine in schools  
**Summary:** Amends various provisions relative to administration of medications in public schools; requires schools to permit students with life threatening allergies to possess and administer epinephrine; requires school districts to permit students to store said epinephrine in a secure but unlocked place, as determined by the school nurse.

**Sponsor:** Representative Jay R. Kaufman (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/15/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2080 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to a board of registration in midwifery  
**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the membership of the board of registration in midwifery; directs said board to register midwives who complete an approved midwife education program, pass the articulated professional examinations, and complete a clinical training program; prohibits the practice of midwifery without a license; articulates conditions by which the board may deny, revoke, or suspend a license, including, but not limited to attempting to acquire a license through fraud or deception, using drugs and alcohol to the extent that affects the practice of midwifery, and conviction of a felony under federal law; directs the department of public health to regulate the practice of midwifery, including, but not limited to the sanitation of stand-alone midwifery facilities and the prescription writing authority of midwives; authorizes the board of registration to license applicants who have practiced midwifery prior to the effective date of this bill who have met the articulated requirements; imposes a \$5,000 fine for the improper licensing of an applicant; establishes and regulates a committee to coordinate the transfer of the licensing of midwifery from the board of registration in nursing to said board of registration in midwifery.

**Sponsor:** Representative Kay Khan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 07/28/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2082 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to nurse anesthetists

**Summary:** Amends provisions relative to advanced practice nurses; articulates roles of advanced practice nurse as including certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists and nurse anesthetists; authorizes advanced practice nurses to issue written prescriptions and order tests and therapeutics; regulates the issuing of prescriptions by same; includes advanced practice nurses under the definition of "practitioner"; directs the commissioner of public health to promulgate regulations to provide for the registration of advanced practice nurses authorizes to issue written prescriptions; amends provisions relative to the administering and dispensing of controlled substances in the course of professional practice, including the keeping of records.

**Sponsor:** Representative Kay Khan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 07/28/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2086 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act creating a nursing advisory board

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of the nursing advisory board in the executive office of health and human services; directs said board to undertake the articulated duties, including, but not limited to advising the Governor on matters related to the nursing shortage in the commonwealth.

**Sponsor:** Representative Kay Khan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 07/29/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMR - 08/11/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB2094 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to air quality in schools and public buildings

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of the division of indoor environments within the center for environmental health in the department of public health; charges said division with enforcing articulated provisions relative to indoor air quality; requires all owners of public

buildings, as defined, to establish written indoor environmental compliance programs; articulates mandatory components of said programs; requires owners of said buildings to establish procedures for receiving complaints and reports of building related illnesses; regulates inspection of said buildings; directs the department of public health to issue regulations pertaining to environmental standards for buildings; regulates the use of hazardous chemicals in said buildings; regulates enforcement of said provisions.

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/05/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB2100 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act providing for the prevention of influenza in health care workers and high risk patients

**Summary:** Requires the articulated employees to receive an annual influenza vaccine for the proper prevention of pneumonia, including, but not limited to physicians, nurses, health care workers, and other employees at the articulated facilities, including, but not limited to health care facilities and elder care facilities; requires elder care facilities to offer annual influenza vaccines to all residents and users of said facilities.

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1


**Bill #:** HB2101 of 2009-2010 Session

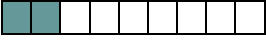
**Title:** An Act relative to health care providers and first responders education

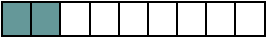
**Summary:** Requires health care providers and first responders, so-called, to demonstrate receipt of appropriate training and education on HIV/AIDS counseling, testing, diagnosis, treatment, infection control and universal precautions; requires vendors receiving state contracts which compose more than fifty percent of the operating budget to implement plans to provide continuing education and training on said issues to staff members; requires the department of public health to establish educational materials and training curriculum regarding above issues for emergency response personnel.

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/06/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB2102 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to pneumococcal disease  
**Summary:** Requires physician's certificates confirming immunization against pneumococcal disease for all children entering day care centers, family day care homes, large family day care homes, family day care systems, and family foster care; exempts children whose parents object in writing on grounds of conflict with religious beliefs, or if the child's physician indicates such a procedure is a contraindicated in writing.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB2104 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to mutual aid for local public health  
**Summary:** Authorizes cities and towns, upon request, to provide emergency public health services, health care supplies or other public health assistance to other cities and towns.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/17/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB2113 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act protecting the public health  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB2115 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to prevent prescription fraud

**Summary:** Requires the commissioner of the department of public health develop a tamper-proof prescription pad or electronic system to prevent prescription fraud; directs said commissioner to make a report of its plans within six months of passage.

**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB2123 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to a patient's report card of nursing

**Summary:** Requires the division of health care finance and policy in the executive office of health and human services to require health care providers and institutions to report the articulated data, including, but not limited to indicators of the nature and amount of nursing care provided by licensed nurses and documentation pertaining to patient safety; regulates the collection of said data.

**Sponsor:** Representative Michael J. Moran (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/23/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB2127 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to establish the Massachusetts Health Care Trust

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Matthew C. Patrick (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/20/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2153 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to require health care entities to participate in the 340B prescription drug discount program

**Summary:** Directs the executive office of health and human services to

require that all eligible health-related centers, including hospitals, offer prescription drug discounts through the federal prescription drug price discount program; requires said discounted drugs to be separated from other drugs in said pharmacies.

**Sponsor:** Representative John W. Scibak (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/10/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2172 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** Resolve establishing a special commission to study and recommend improvements in the delivery of prescription drug benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the membership of a special commission to study the delivery of prescription drug benefits in the commonwealth; articulates reporting requirements of said commission; directs the division of healthcare policy and finance and the group insurance commission to provide research to said commission.

**Sponsor:** Representative Walter F. Timilty (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/10/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB2189 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to prevent youth and gang violence

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the Massachusetts youth violence and gang prevention commission; authorizes said commission to establish community and school-based programs to teach and promote alternatives to violence; establishes the Massachusetts Violence Prevention Fund; authorizes said commission to administer said fund; authorizes said commission to expend monies from said fund; authorizes contribution to said fund from individual income tax refunds.

**Sponsor:** Representative Willie Mae Allen (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security (JPSF)  
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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB2515 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to define further teacher for retirement purposes

**Summary:** Includes school nurses certified by the department of education within the definition of 'teacher' for the purposes of determining eligibility for retirement benefits.

**Sponsor:** Representative Elizabeth A. Malia (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Service (JPSR)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB3420 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to adolescents at risk

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Colleen M. Garry (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB3433 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to promote conflict resolution curricula in schools

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Byron Rushing (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 05/28/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 06/09/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB3436 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act enhancing student opportunity for achievement and results

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Alice K. Wolf (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House

**Bill #:** HB3453 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing the Massachusetts childhood vaccine program and the Massachusetts immunization registry

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Alice K. Wolf (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 05/13/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/27/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB3548 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to student use of tobacco products

**Summary:** Imposes a fine of not more than \$50 for the first violation, \$150 for the second violation and \$300 for subsequent violations for students caught smoking on school grounds.

**Sponsor:** Representative Robert A. DeLeo (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 05/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 05/26/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB3591 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to a nurse deputy commissioner at the department of public health

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Jennifer M. Callahan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/03/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB3593 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act prohibiting the possession of tobacco by minors

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/16/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB3599 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act Establishing a Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Christopher N. Speranzo (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** HB3660 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to improve assessment and accountability to ensure students acquire 21st century skills

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 06/11/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 06/23/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** HB3717 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act amending the membership of the health care quality and cost council

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Mary E. Grant (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/03/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB3722 of 2009-2010 Session


**Title:** An Act requiring legible pharmaceutical orders and prescriptions


**Summary:** None

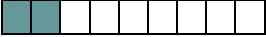
**Sponsor:** Representative Todd M. Smola (R)


**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)


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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 05/19/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB3809 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to insurance coverage for autism  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Barbara A. L'Italien (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 01/16/2009 - H Filed in the House


**Bill #:** HB3813 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act to combat drug addiction among urban youth  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Denise Provost (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 06/01/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JMH - 06/10/2009 1:00 PM  
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**Bill #:** HB3827 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to the study on methods to reduce incidents of suicide  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/15/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB3828 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to a medical emergency response plan for schools  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Karyn E. Polito (R)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/15/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB3844 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act establishing an autism license plate  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Barbara A. L'Italien (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Transportation (JTR)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 07/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JTR - 07/23/2009 11:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB3900 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to nursing school articulation agreements  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Jennifer M. Callahan (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Filed in the House (FILE/H)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 08/03/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHE - 09/29/2009 10:30 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** HB3912 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to patient safety  
**Summary:** Submits provisions relative to the advance of patient safety via the regulation and promotion of nurses; establishes and regulates a nursing advisory board within the executive office of health and human services; requires the board of registration in nursing establish an expert nursing corps for the mentoring of incoming or novice nurses; directs community and state colleges, as well as the University of Massachusetts, to enter into employment contracts for a minimum period of five years with faculty members who teach nursing, unless a shorter contract is agreed upon by both parties; requires the board of higher education establish a student loan repayment program and a faculty position payment program for encouraging nursing students; directs the board of higher education to provide grants for the formation of relationships between institutions of higher education and health care service providers for recruitment purposes, and to establish a scholarship program for encouragement of nursing students; requires the board of higher education provide grants to

hospitals committing resources or personnel to nursing training programs and develop a program to increase diversity of the nursing workforce; establishes and regulates the Clara Barton nursing excellence trust fund and directs the board of higher education appropriate a portion of said fund for refresher courses and retraining of licensed registered nurses; directs the department of public health to develop nurse's patient assignment standards and a patient acuity system; articulates contents of said standards and system; requires health care facility submit prospective staffing plans annually as a condition of licensing by the department of public health; prohibits said facilities from directly assigning unlicensed personnel to perform licensed nurse functions; authorizes said department to include parameters for the denial of registration and operation of temporary nursing service agencies only if said agencies attempt to increase costs to facilities by at least ten percent; directs the executive office of economic development to develop a statewide program for the promotion of the nursing profession.

**Sponsor:** Representative Christine E. Canavan (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/03/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB3939 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to municipal relief and reform

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Karyn E. Polito (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Filed in the House (FILE/H)

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**History:** 04/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPSR - 09/21/2009 11:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** HB4163 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to charter schools in underperforming districts

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Governor

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 08/06/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/17/2009 1:00 P.M. Gardner Auditorium

**Bill #:** HB4164 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing readiness schools

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Governor

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)

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**History:** 08/06/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/17/2009 1:00 P.M.  
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**Bill #:** SB18 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act relative to pandemic and disaster preparation and response in the Commonwealth

**Summary:** Amends provisions relative to declarations of public health emergencies. Upon declaring a public health emergency, the Governor may activate the state comprehensive emergency management plan and its associated processes; during such public health emergency, any person who renders assistance or advice during the emergency will be protected from liability to the extent provided by the tort claims act.

**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)

**Related:** 2009-2010: HB108

2009-2010: SB2028

**Status:** Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)

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**History:** 04/06/2009 - S Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, carrying HB108

**Bill #:** SB39 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to ensure continuity of health coverage for children

**Summary:** Amends MassHealth statute to make sure that children remain eligible for the program for a 12 month period until the annual eligibility review if the child is otherwise deemed ineligible due to excess countable income.

**Sponsor:** Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)

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**History:** 06/04/2009 - S Concurred in committee referral

**Bill #:** SB70 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to provide habilitative services to the children of the Commonwealth

**Summary:** Requires the inclusion of "habilitative services" to medicaid recipients and in other insurance plans, including offerings from the GIC. "Habilitative services" includes health and social services directed toward increasing and maintaining the physical, intellectual, communicative, emotional, and social functioning of developmentally delayed individuals, including occupational, physical, and speech therapy; assistance, training, supervision, and monitoring in the areas of self-care, sensory and motor development, interpersonal skills, communication, and socialization; and reduction or elimination of maladaptive behavior.

**Sponsor:** Senator Karen E. Spilka (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)

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**History:** 07/21/2009 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Children and Families

**Bill #:** SB79 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to improvements in private duty nursing care for developmentally disabled children

**Summary:** Directs the commonwealth to employ an adequate number of nurses to provide expert nursing care to all developmentally disabled children eligible for receipt of said private nursing care; establishes and regulates the membership of an advisory committee to establish a curriculum for developmentally disabled certification, so-called; requires all nurses hired for said private care to maintain said certification.

**Sponsor:** Senator Steven A. Tolman (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Filed in the Senate (FILE/S)

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**History:** 04/03/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JCF - 06/10/2009 11:00 AM (Disabilities), 2:00 PM (Interstate Compact) A-1

**Bill #:** SB223 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities

**Summary:** Defines qualified literacy programs as pre-referral early intervention programs for children determined to be at risk of failing to learn to read in the first grade; requires said programs to consist of one-on-one tutorials; requires school districts to annually report the number of students receiving referrals to said literacy programs to the board of education; requires experience with said literacy programs as a condition of receiving administrators or educators certifications or recertifications; requires school professional development

plans to include training in the providing of said literacy programs; requires implementation of said programs for children with special needs; regulates the reimbursement of school districts for implementation of said plans.

**Sponsor:** Senator Cynthia S. Creem (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

**Bill #:** SB229 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to school improvement plans  
**Summary:** Defines qualified literacy programs as pre-referral early intervention programs for children determined to be at risk of failing to learn to read in the first grade; requires said programs to consist of one-on-one tutorials; requires school districts to annually report the number of students receiving referrals to said literacy programs to the board of education; requires experience with said literacy programs as a condition of receiving administrators or educators certifications or recertifications; requires school professional development plans to include training in the providing of said literacy programs; requires implementation of said programs for children with special needs; regulates the reimbursement of school districts for implementation of said plans.

**Sponsor:** Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan (D)  
**Related:** 2009-2010: HB424  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 07/27/2009 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education

**Bill #:** SB231 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act ensuring adequate nursing services at public schools  
**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 06/08/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 06/16/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** SB259 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act providing Chapter 70 accountability for adequate access

to school nursing  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 06/15/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/15/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** SB278 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act to fulfill the promise of education reform adequate funding for student success  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Karen E. Spilka (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 06/15/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JED - 09/15/2009 1:00 PM A-1

**Bill #:** SB290 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act to prevent bullying  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Richard R. Tisei (R)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

**Bill #:** SB330 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to Medicaid prior authorization  
**Summary:** Amends various provisions relative to prior authorization for specific brands of pharmaceutical products under MassHealth; authorizes the submission of requests for said authorizations by telephone, other telecommunications device, or in writing; requires the division of medical assistance to respond to said requests within twenty-four hours of receipt of same; regulates the appeals process for denial of said requests; exempts requests for medications to treat mental illness from said prior authorization requirement.  
**Sponsor:** Senator Marian Walsh (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Elder Affairs (JEA)  
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**History:** 07/13/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JEA - 07/27/2009 1:00 PM A-2

**Bill #:** SB432 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to protect children from bisphenol-A  
**Summary:** Prohibits the manufacture and sale of children's toys containing the articulated plastic additives and materials; directs toy manufacturers to use the least toxic, non-carcinogen alternative that does not cause birth defects, reproductive or developmental harm for said materials.  
**Sponsor:** Senator Karen E. Spilka (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)  
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**History:** 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

**Bill #:** SB501 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to benefits for autism  
**Summary:** Requires the contributory group blanket or general health insurance policy for public employees, health insurance policies and policies issued by non-profit hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of the following articulated developmental disorders, including but not limited to autistic disorder, asperger's disorder, pervasive developmental disorder - not otherwise specified, rett's disorder, and childhood disintegrative disorder; regulates the benefits issued under said provisions.  
**Sponsor:** Senator Michael W. Morrissey (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Financial Services (JFS)  
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**History:** 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

**Bill #:** SB547 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act Making Technical Corrections to health care practitioner and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturer conduct  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Mark C. Montigny (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/17/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 05/06/2009 1:00 PM

**Bill #:** SB615 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to the development of a Northeastern Massachusetts Nursing Institute.

**Summary:** Directs the board of higher education to conduct a study relative to the feasibility of developing a Northeastern Massachusetts Nursing Institute, through the collaboration of Salem State College, Northern Essex Community College, North Shore Community College, Middlesex Community College and hospitals and other health providers in the area of northeastern Massachusetts.

**Sponsor:** Senator Bruce E. Tarr (R)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Higher Education (JHE)

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**History:** 08/03/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHE - 09/29/2009 10:30 A.M. B-1

**Bill #:** SB672 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to promote volunteerism in the Commonwealth

**Summary:** Entitles eligible employees to a total of twenty-four hours of leave during any twelve month period under the family and medical leave act to perform volunteer services and activities for a school, nursery school, head start program or other tax-exempt, non-profit entity.

**Sponsor:** Senator Cynthia S. Creem (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (JLW)

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**History:** 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

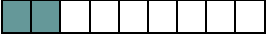
**Bill #:** SB799 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act establishing a special commission to study physician recruitment and workforce development in Massachusetts

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the membership of a commission to: study the recruitment and retention of physicians, address, among other things, understaffed medical specialties, health professional shortage areas and the establishment of financial incentives, and identify sources of disincentives to physician recruitment and retention; directs said commission to report to the Legislature with any recommendations.

**Sponsor:** Senator Stephen Buoniconti (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/09/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** SB831 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to health care providers and first responders education

**Summary:** Requires health care providers and first responders, so-called, to demonstrate receipt of appropriate training and education on HIV/AIDS counseling, testing, diagnosis, treatment, infection control and universal precautions; requires vendors receiving state contracts which compose more than fifty percent of the operating budget to implement plans to provide continuing education and training on said issues to staff members; requires the department of public health to establish educational materials and training curriculum regarding above issues for emergency response personnel.

**Sponsor:** Senator Thomas M. McGee (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 10/06/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** SB837 of 2009-2010 Session


**Title:** An Act relative to voluntary school based influenza prevention pilot program

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Joan M. Menard (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** SB850 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to establish a vision care registry

**Summary:** Directs the department of public health to, subject to appropriation, establish a registry to record reports of failure to receive or pass the vision test in public schools; directs said department to establish a special Commission on Childhood Vision Screening and Treatment to work in conjunction with the vision care registry to study the success of the vision test

required in public schools; directs said commission to review the success at screening and treating all of its school age children for vision impairments and eye disease, identify populations not receiving screening, and explore the impacts of vision screening and treatment on educational outcomes; requires school committees, or the responsible boards of health in municipalities, to submit annual reports to the Vision Registry in the Department of Public Health outlining the results of its vision screening; allows the forwarding of electronic reports of the results of certain eye examinations.

**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** SB854 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act adopting the nurse licensure compact

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 07/14/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** SB859 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act establishing the Massachusetts Childhood Vaccines Program and the Massachusetts Immunization Registry

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)

**Related:** None

**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)

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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 09/22/2009 10:00 A.M. A-1

**Bill #:** SB861 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act promoting healthy alternatives in public school food programs

**Summary:** Directs the dept. of public health in consultation with the department of education to annually establish regulations for training all school nurses in behavioral health and treatment

for eating disorders; directs said departments to establish standards for certification of all food service directors and managers in articulated schools; mandates including instruction in nutrition and exercise in the board of education's standards; establishes low to non-fat snacks and drink options, as defined, to be required for sale at all schools; establishes sugar, calorie, sodium and fat limits on foods, both packaged and unpackaged, to be sold on school grounds or at school activities, with articulated exceptions; requires the display of nutritional guidelines; directs the department of public health, in collaboration with the department of education to review and analyze obesity and eating disorders in students; directs the department of public health to establish an annual public service campaign to raise awareness of pediatric overweight and of the state's initiative to reduce the epidemic; establishes a commission to conduct an analysis of childhood obesity, nutrition, physical activity, and education in wellness in the commonwealth; establishes guidelines for membership and participation in said commission.

**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/02/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** SB866 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An act relative to the Board of Registration in Nursing  
**Summary:** Entitles persons who file a complaint of violations of laws or regulations relative to the practice of nursing, who file a complaint pursuant to said regulations, or who otherwise assist the board of registration in nursing to immunity against liability in any cause of action resulting from said board's receipt of said information; conditions said immunity upon the good faith disclosure of said information.

**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/23/2009 10:00 A.M. A-2

**Bill #:** SB876 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act to promote the nursing profession and promote safe patient care  
**Summary:** Directs the secretary for administration and finance to conduct an investigation and study of all state agencies and quasi-state

agencies, to determine the efficiency of existing workforce development programs; regulates components of said study and investigation, including, but not limited to identifying ways to increase the number and diversity of people entering health care occupations and increasing retention rates among Massachusetts health care workers; directs the board of higher education to make an investigation and study of the nurse faculty shortage in the commonwealth; articulates components of said study, including, but not limited to school capacity data and projections on intentions to retire from said profession; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of the Massachusetts nursing collaborative; directs said collaborative to develop and implement strategies relative to supply and demand of the nursing workforce in the commonwealth; establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a twelve member board of directors within said collaborative; establishes and regulates the operation of the Clara Burton nursing excellence trust fund; directs the board of higher education to establish said fund as a student loan repayment program and faculty position payment program for the nursing profession; regulates eligibility for benefits under said program; directs the board of higher education to establish the Clara Barton expert nursing corps program; requires said program to build a group of nurses of high achievement, to serve as mentors to nursing students or novice nurses; directs the board of higher education to make grants available to institutions of higher education and health care institutions for the purpose of fostering partnerships that promote the recruitment and retention of nurses; directs the board of higher education to establish the Clara Burton scholarship program, for the purpose of providing nursing scholarships to students in the colleges and universities of the commonwealth; directs the board of higher education to develop a matching grants program for hospitals that commit resources or personnel to nurse education programs; designates nursing faculty positions as critical and essential for the purpose of administering the public employee retirement incentive plan; requires all hospitals in the commonwealth to develop written nurse staffing plans; articulates components of said plans, including, but not limited to detailed information regarding patient nursing needs; requires hospitals to make said plans available to patients, upon request for same; requires said plans to be filed with the department of public health; authorizes said department to randomly audit hospitals to ensure compliance with said plans; requires all hospitals to establish a process to evaluate nursing care quality; articulates components of said processes; establishes and regulates the membership of a special commission for the purpose of studying the findings and recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's report 'Keeping Patients Safe: Transforming the Work Environment of Nurses'; articulates reporting requirements for said commission.

**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)

**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**          
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 11/03/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** SB888 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act to ensure safe medication administration  
**Summary:** Prohibits any person other than a dentist, nurse, physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, optometrist or veterinarian from administering a controlled substance in schedules II, III, IV, V or VI; authorizes self administration, as defined; authorizes students of said professions to administer said controlled substances under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.  
**Sponsor:** Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**          
**History:** 04/22/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 06/30/2009 10:00 A.M.  
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**Bill #:** SB1090 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to the retirement options of certain educational personnel  
**Summary:** Authorizes school nurses, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, and school business administrators to participate in the teacher retirement system or the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program; extends the deadline for participation in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program.  
**Sponsor:** Senator Brian A. Joyce (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Service (JPSR)  
**Progress:**          
**History:** 01/16/2009 - S Filed in the Senate

**Bill #:** SB1095 of 2009-2010 Session  
**Title:** An Act relative to credible service for school nurses  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Thomas P. Kennedy (D)  
**Related:** None  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Service (JPSR)  
**Progress:**          
**History:** 04/07/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JPSR - 06/01/2009 11:00

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**Bill #:** SB2028 of 2009-2010 Session

**Title:** An Act relative to pandemic preparation and response in the Commonwealth

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Related:** 2009-2010: SB18

2009-2010: HB108

**Status:** House Committee on Ways and Means (HWM)

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**History:** 04/30/2009 - H Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means