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## Mass School Nurses Organization

**Bill #:** HB30

**Title:** Letter of Transmittal -- Public Safety and Security.

**Summary:** Submits the legislative agenda of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the 2009-2010 session.

**Sponsor:** EO of Public Safety

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

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**History:** 03/29/2010 - H Accompanied bill - see HB34, HB45, and HB46

**Bill #:** HB56

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

**Summary:** No summary necessary.

**Sponsor:** EO of Public Safety

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

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**History:** 03/01/2010 - H New draft substituted - see HB4532

**Bill #:** HB109

**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)

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** HB110

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** HB123

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/03/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Children and Families

**Bill #:** HB147

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/12/2010 - House Session HS - 04/13/2010 10:00 AM House Chamber

**Bill #:** HB185

**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 02/10/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Children and Families

**Bill #:** HB188

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

**Summary:** None

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

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB354

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

**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/10/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education as redrafted

**Bill #:** HB414

**Title:** A Resolve establishing a commission to examine school district capacity and efficient delivery of educational services

**Summary:** Establishes and regulates a special commission for the purpose of examining school district capacity and efficiency.

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

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

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**History:** 03/17/2010 - H Extension order filed until 6/04/10

**Bill #:** HB420

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

**Summary:** None

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

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

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**History:** 03/17/2010 - H Extension order filed until 6/04/10

**Bill #:** HB910

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Sean Garballey (D)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1028  
**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1075  
**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1087  
**Title:** An Act to ensure equitable health coverage for all children  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Elizabeth A. Malia (D)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1092

**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)

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

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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1098

**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)

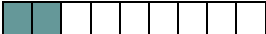
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**History:** [04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** HB1937

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
**Progress:**   
**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1956

**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)

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

**Progress:** 

**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB1960

**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 02/24/2010 - S New draft substituted - see SB2281

**Title:** An Act relative to annual immunization against influenza for children  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Representative Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr. (D)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** HB2075  
**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 01/25/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2077  
**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** HB2080  
**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 noA,w6COe95NAJwROoA,w6COe95No9)56ANJ6J5s

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)

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2082

**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)

**Status:** Reported favorably as amended by House Committee (REPA/H)

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**History:** 04/08/2010 - H New draft substituted - see HB4593

**Bill #:** HB2086

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB2092  
**Title:** An Act relative to school nutrition  
**Summary:** Establishes and regulates the Governor's Commission on Childhood Obesity for the purpose of developing and coordinating a statewide plan for the reduction of childhood obesity through evidence-based nutrition and exercise programs; directs the Department of Public Health to establish guidelines for the training of public school nurses on recognition and treatment of eating disorders and type 2 diabetes; requires statewide standards for schools established by the Board of Education include instruction on nutrition and exercise; directs the Department of Public Health to establish guidelines for the implementation of nutrition standards for competitive foods and beverages sold or provided in schools; establishes criteria for consideration in said guidelines; requires said departments review and analyze the trend in reported cases of obesity and eating disorders in students.  
**Sponsor:** Representative Peter J. Koutoujian (D)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 01/25/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2101  
**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB2104

**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)

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** HB2113

**Title:** An Act protecting the public health  
**Summary:** None

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

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 01/18/2010 - Hearing Scheduled JPH - 01/19/2010 10:00 AM B-2

**Bill #:** HB2115

**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)

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

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**History:** 02/08/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB3433

**Title:** An Act to promote conflict resolution curricula in schools  
**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

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**History:** 02/24/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education

**Bill #:** HB3436

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

**Summary:** None

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

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 02/25/2010 - H Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

**Bill #:** HB3453

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

**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 11/09/2009 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** HB3479

**Title:** An Act requiring pain management and prescription drug abuse training for prescribing medical and healthcare providers

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Steven Myles Walsh (D)

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB3599

**Title:** An Act establishing a prescription monitoring program task force

**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 02/08/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** HB3722

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

**Summary:** None

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

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

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** HB3809

**Title:** An Act relative to insurance coverage for autism

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Representative Barbara A. L'Italien (D)

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

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**History:** 03/16/2010 - H Extension order filed until 7/31/2010

**Bill #:** HB3827

**Title:** An Act relative to the study on methods to reduce incidents of suicide

**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** House Committee on Rules (HRU)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Discharged and referred to House Committee on Rules

**Bill #:** HB3828

**Title:** An Act relative to a medical emergency response plan for schools

**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

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**History:** 03/01/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education

**Bill #:** HB3912

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
**Progress:**            
**History:** 03/24/2010 - H Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

<b>Bill #:</b>	HB4164
<b>Title:</b>	An Act establishing readiness schools
<b>Summary:</b>	None
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Governor
<b>Status:</b>	Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)
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<b>History:</b>	11/10/2009 - S Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Education

**Bill #:** HB4438

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on P

**Bill #:** HB4523

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Education

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 02/25/2010 - H New draft of bill - see HB470 and HB471

**Bill #:** HB4526

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Municipalities & Regional Government

**Status:** House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling (HSP)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/26/2010 - H Amendment(s) adopted (House Committee on Ways and Means)

**Bill #:** HB4567

**Title:** An Act relative to bullying in schools

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** House Ways and Means

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

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**History:** 03/18/2010 - H Recommended new text of bill - see SB2323

**Bill #:** HB4593

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health

**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** HB4631

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

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** House Ways and Means

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Received in the Senate

**Bill #:** SB39

**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)

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

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**History:** 11/19/2009 - Hearing Scheduled JHC - 12/03/2009 11:30 AM A-1

**Bill #:** SB70

**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)

**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

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Children and Families (JCF)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Accompanied study order - see SB2395

**Bill #:** SB223

**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 03/01/2010 - S New draft substituted - see SB2293

**Bill #:** SB229

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Education (JED)  
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**History:** 07/27/2009 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education

**Bill #:** SB330

**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)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Elder Affairs (JEA)

**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - S Extension order filed until 4/14/2010

**Bill #:** SB423

**Title:** An Act relative to mooring fee requirements

**Summary:** Repeals provisions authorizing municipalities to impose reasonable fees for mooring licenses.

**Sponsor:** Senator Robert A. O'Leary (D)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

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**History:** 03/24/2010 - S Extension order filed until 6/15/2010

**Bill #:** SB432

**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)

**Status:** Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JEN)

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**History:** 03/11/2010 - S Extension order filed until June 15, 2010

**Bill #:** SB501

**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)

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

**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/16/2010 - S Extension order filed

**Bill #:** SB547

**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)

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

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**History:** [04/27/2010 - S Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** SB615

**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)

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

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**History:** [03/04/2010 - S Accompanied study order](#)

**Bill #:** SB672

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (JLW)  
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**History:** 04/13/2010 - S Accompanied study order - see SB2379

**Bill #:** SB717

**Title:** An Act expediting appeals of wage violations  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator James E. Timilty (D)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (JLW)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/20/2010 - S Recommended to committee on Labor and Workforce Development

**Bill #:** SB752

**Title:** An Act requiring the parental notice of the treatment of minors for drug overdoses  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Steven A. Tolman (D)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (JMH)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 10/15/2009 - H Accompanied bill - see HB1961

**Bill #:** SB821

**Title:** An Act relative to HIV/AIDS education and prevention in the Commonwealth  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Patricia D. Jehlen (D)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** SB831

**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** SB847

**Title:** An Act relative to a board of midwifery  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)  
**Status:** Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)  
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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S New draft substituted - see SB2341

**Bill #:** SB859

**Title:** An act establishing the Massachusetts Childhood Vaccines Program and the Massachusetts Immunization Registry  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Senator Richard T. Moore (D)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 03/16/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** SB861

**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)  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
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**History:** 01/25/2010 - H Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Health

**Bill #:** SB866

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 03/24/2010 - S Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** SB876

**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)  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Public Health (JPH)  
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**History:** 03/24/2010 - S Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

<b>Bill #:</b> SB883
<b>Title:</b> An Act relative to encouraging HIV testing
<b>Summary:</b> None

**Sponsor:** Senator Robert A. O'Leary (D)  
**Status:** Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee (REPA/J)  
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**History:** 04/01/2010 - S New draft substituted - see SB2342

**Bill #:** SB1090

**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)

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

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**History:** 02/24/2010 - S Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Bill #:** SB1095

**Title:** An Act relative to credible service for school nurses

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senator Thomas P. Kennedy (D)

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

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**History:** 02/24/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Public Service

**Bill #:** SB2028

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

**Summary:** None

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

**Status:** Conference committee appointed in the House (CC/H)

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**History:** 10/15/2009 - H Conference committee appointed - Reps. Sanchez, Grant, Evangelidis

**Bill #:** SB2195

**Title:** An Act establishing the Massachusetts childhood vaccine

program and the Massachusetts immunization registry  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing  
**Status:** Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 11/09/2009 - S New draft of bill - see HB3453

**Bill #:** SB2201  
**Title:** An Act relative to education reform  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Education  
**Status:** Reported favorably as amended by Senate Committee (REPA/S)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 11/17/2009 - S Amendment(s) adopted as amended (Senate Committee on Ways and Means)

**Bill #:** SB2247  
**Title:** Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments to the Senate Bill relative to education reform  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Conference Committee  
**Status:** Signed by the Governor (SIGNED)  
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**History:** 01/18/2010 - G Signed by the Governor

**Bill #:** SB2267  
**Title:** An Act relating to safety regulations for school athletic programs  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** SB2281  
**Title:** An Act relative to substance abuse education and prevention  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Mental Health & Substance Abuse

**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Extension order filed until 5/12/2010

**Bill #:** SB2293  
**Title:** An Act to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Education  
**Status:** Senate Committee on Ways and Means (SWM)  
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**History:** 03/01/2010 - S New draft of bill - see SB223

**Bill #:** SB2295  
**Title:** An Act relative to the development of school medical emergency response plans by the Department of Education  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Education  
**Status:** Reported favorably by Joint Committee (REP/J)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** SB2300  
**Title:** An Act establishing a voluntary school-based influenza vaccination program  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
**Progress:**

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** SB2317  
**Title:** An Act to increase special education reimbursement  
**Summary:** None  
**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Education  
**Status:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing (JHC)  
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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Accompanied study order

**Bill #:** SB2322

**Title:** Reprinted as amended text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill relative to school nutrition

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Senate Ways and Means

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

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**History:** 03/11/2010 - S Printed-as-amended version of SB2314

**Bill #:** SB2341

**Title:** An Act relative to certified professional midwives and enhancing the practice of nurse-midwives

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Extension order filed until 06/08/2010

**Bill #:** SB2342

**Title:** An Act promoting routine HIV screening in the Commonwealth

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Public Health

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

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**History:** 04/27/2010 - S Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

**Bill #:** SB2379

**Title:** Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to labor and workforce issues

**Summary:** None

**Sponsor:** Joint Committee on Labor & Workforce Development

**Status:** Senate Committee on Ethics and Rules (SER)

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**History:** 04/20/2010 - S Discharged in part - see SB717

**Bill #:** SB2404

**Title:** Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House

amendments to the Senate Bill relative to bullying in schools

**Summary:**

None

**Sponsor:**

Conference Committee

**Status:**

Laid before the Governor (GOV)

**Progress:**



**History:**

04/29/2010 - G Laid before the Governor