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HOUSE . . . . . No. 74

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a pilot program for adults with Asperger syndrome and autism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Garrett J. Bradley	*3rd Plymouth*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 74) of Garrett J. Bradley and others for legislation to establish a pilot program for adults with Asperger syndrome and autism. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *75* OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act establishing a pilot program for adults with Asperger syndrome and autism.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting after section 78A, the following section:-

Section 78B. The commissioner of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission shall establish a 2 year pilot program for 25 adults with Asperger syndrome or other autism spectrum disorders without mental retardation.

The commission will establish an advisory board of community professionals, including a consumer with Asperger syndrome, a representative from the Asperger Association of New England, a state representative, a state senator and commission staff to advise and evaluate and provide technical assistance to the project. The advisory board shall meet quarterly.

10 The program shall provide services which lead to paid, customized, sustainable
11 employment. Services will include post-employment and re-employment support as needed. The
12 program will supplement existing commission funding for individuals with Asperger syndrome.
13 These supports may include but are not limited to: career assessment and counseling; job
14 development; job placement; job coaching; employment training; on-the-job support; case
15 management and funding to purchase adjunct supports and services.

16 A request for proposals for this program shall be issued within 60 days of the enactment.
17 Within one year of the program start a preliminary outcome report with future recommendations
18 shall be presented to the clerk of the House of Representatives. A final report at the end of the 2
19 year pilot shall be submitted with recommendations for sustainability, replication and
20 modifications.