

HOUSE No. 4523

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro and Michael J. Barrett

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 relative to the self-determination advisory board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/18/2014</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>9/18/2014</i>

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By Representative Sannicandro of Ashland and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tom Sannicandro and Michael Barrett relative to the self-determination advisory board. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to the self-determination advisory board.

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

1 Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby amended by striking out section (c) in its
2 entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 (c) The department shall establish a statewide self-determination advisory board to advise
4 the department on efforts to implement, publicize, evaluate, improve and develop information
5 regarding self-determination. The advisory board shall consist of: 19 individuals appointed by
6 the commissioner, 1 of whom shall be a member of the department, who shall serve as chair, 1 of
7 whom shall be a member of an advocacy organization, 1 of whom shall represent taxpayers, 1 of
8 whom shall have experience with consumer protection, 1 of whom shall have experience with
9 self-determination models, 1 of whom shall have experience with nonprofit and for-profit
10 services markets and competition and services for persons with disabilities, 1 of whom shall have
11 experience with financial management services, 1 of whom shall be an independent facilitator; 1
12 of whom shall be a provider of direct services, supports or goods and 10 of whom shall be a
13 participant or a family member, legal representative or guardian of a participant; 1 individual
14 appointed by the disabled persons protection commission; 1 individual appointed by the office of
15 the inspector general; and 1 individual appointed by the office of the state auditor. Members shall
16 serve for a term of 3 years. Upon the expiration of the term of any member, a successor shall be
17 appointed in like manner. The appointing entity shall in like manner fill any vacancy for the
18 remainder of the unexpired term.

19 The self-determination advisory board shall also compile, and continually update, a list of
20 participants or participants' chosen planning teams who are willing to volunteer to discuss their
21 experiences in self-determination with individuals considering implementing the self-

22 determination option in their individual support plans and shall provide said list to the
23 department.