

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1785**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Ruth B. Balsler and Jennifer L. Flanagan***

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

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

An Act regarding proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>

<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/1/2019</i>

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By Representative Balsler of Newton and Senator Flanagan, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1785) of Ruth B. Balsler, Jennifer L. Flanagan and others that the Department of Mental Health be directed to operate a statewide program to provide mental health consultations to primary care physicians, pediatricians, nurse practitioners and health care providers of women who suffer from post-partum depression. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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

An Act regarding proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 16 the following section:-

3 Section 16A.

4 (a) The department shall operate a statewide program to provide remote mental health  
5 consultations available for a minimum of 5 days a week, to pediatricians, family physicians,  
6 nurse practitioners and primary care practices for persons under the age of 19 who exhibit a  
7 possible mental health or substance use disorder and to health care providers of women who are  
8 showing signs of post- partum depression.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the costs of this program  
10 shall be assessed on surcharge payers as defined by section 38 of chapter 118G and may be

- 11 collected in a manner consistent with said chapter 118. All surcharge revenue generated under
- 12 this section shall be collected in a manner consistent with said chapter and DMH regulation.